

FORECAST—Moderate southerly winds, unsettled and mild with showers. Tuesday, south-east winds, partly cloudy, continuing unsettled.

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TIDES
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Victoria Daily Times

Final Bulletins

Night Raiders Facing Defeat

OTTAWA (CP)—A method has been found to defeat the German night raiders who have been showering bombs on British cities for months, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding of the Royal Air Force said in an interview here today.

Sunk in Pacific

NEW YORK (AP)—Shipping circles reported this afternoon the 6,732-ton Norwegian freighter Talleyrand was missing in the Pacific and believed to have been the victim of a German raider. The vessel was 13 years old.

Advices from Shanghai say more than 20 Norwegian ships have fallen victim to raiders.

Shipping officials also reported the 5,811-ton Norwegian motorship Touraine had been sunk in the Atlantic by a submarine.

Pope Hindered

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican City radio, without naming names, said today that Pope Pius had been hindered in his war relief efforts. "During the present war, despite all the Holy Father's efforts, everything seems to hinder this work," the broadcast said.

Gets Sunday Movies

HALIFAX (CP)—Men of the armed services and the merchant marine will be able to see motion pictures beginning this Sunday night in Halifax, a city devoid of entertainment on the Sabbath with the exception of the odd charity concert. The men will be permitted to be accompanied by one adult each.

Mrs. Brodeur's Son Killed in Action

William Whitfield, 20, son of Mrs. Victor G. Brodeur, formerly of Victoria, has been killed in action in Egypt, according to word received here today.

Young Whitfield was first reported missing in August, just before Commodore and Mrs. Brodeur left for Washington, where the latter is now naval attaché at the Canadian Legation. Later he was reported safe, but today's news says he died December 18.

He was with the British army in the western desert and had never been to Victoria, having sailed for Egypt from England.

'Declaration of War'

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle Times today, commenting on President Roosevelt's speech said:

"The Seattle Times approves of every word the President said. . . . The Times only regrets the President did not say he would ask Congress for a declaration of war. . . . In effect, Mr. Roosevelt's speech was a declaration of war, in that he made it plain that the United States is not a neutral, and that every possible aid will be extended to the British people."

Bombing Light

LONDON (CP)—The Air and Home Security Ministries issued this statement Monday evening: "During the daylight today bombs have been dropped by single enemy aircraft at one point in East Anglia and a place in Kent. The damage done was slight and casualties few."

QUARTER BILLION GOT FROM BANKS

OTTAWA (CP)—Sale of \$250,000,000 2½-year, 1½ per cent notes to Canadian chartered banks was announced today by Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley. The price was \$99.695 and accrued interest for each \$100 note, representing a yield of 1½ per cent to maturity.

This step was foreshadowed in the House of Commons November 21 when Mr. Ilsley said the third war loan would not be issued until next summer and that this decision would make necessary some short-term financing early in 1941.

The proceeds of the sale of the notes will be used to finance war expenditures, to provide funds for the repatriation of securities from the United Kingdom and for general purposes of the government of Canada.

B.C. to Build Anti-sub Craft

OTTAWA (CP)—Contracts for construction of 20 anti-submarine vessels of a new type, not hitherto made in Canada, have been let, the Department of Munitions and Supply announced this afternoon. The ships are of wooden construction, capable of high speed. Engines have already been ordered and the hulls will be built in Canadian shipyards.

The new vessels, known as Fairmile patrol boats, will be powered by gasoline motors. The hulls will be of double plank mahogany, 112 feet long, a department said.

Orders for two of these vessels have been placed with each of 10 shipbuilders, including A. C. Benson Shipyards, Vancouver; Vancouver Shipyards, Vancouver; Star Shipyard, New Westminster, B.C.

Messages Delayed

NEW YORK (AP)—RCA Communications Inc. reported its communications with London, interrupted during last night's German air raid, still were silent today. Messages to Great Britain were being accepted this afternoon with the understanding that there would be an indefinite delay.

Western Union said its services, disrupted for several hours last night, again were halted from 10.49 a.m. until 11.21 a.m. today. Commercial Cables reported it still was in contact with Britain.

The Transatlantic telephone was not affected.

LANDS IN ENGLAND

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—A giant bombing plane—the "flying Christmas gift" which employees of the Lockheed-Vega Aircraft Company presented to Great Britain Christmas Day—received acknowledgement from the British Minister of Aircraft this afternoon.

Lord Beaverbrook, in a cablegram to the donors, said the gift was of "immense encouragement" to his nation.

It landed safely "somewhere in England" December 29.

Liquor Rush On

Rush to load up with New Year's liquor got under way today and is expected to gain momentum until liquor stores close Tuesday evening for the January 1 holiday.

Liquor clerks said it already looked like the biggest New Year's celebration in Victoria since the stock market boom broke in 1929. Now, they said, people all have money and are willing to spend it to make sure that 1941 comes in as a happy new year.

Stocks depleted by the Christmas rush when Victorians spent \$65,000 for drinks have been replenished. Except for most French brands, which are now running out, clerks said there is no need for anyone to fear going short. Stocks adequate for any demand are held ready in warehouses to be rushed to the retailers to meet any demand.

Hotel Strikers Urge Ottawa Action

VANCOUVER (CP)—The waiters' and bus boys' strike at the Hotel Vancouver was in its eighth day this afternoon, with pickets still patrolling the big hostelry.

Sunday night members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union sent a telegram to Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Hon. Norman McLarty, Minister of Labor, outlining the situation and asking the government's intervention to force the hotel to accept the unanimous award of a provincial board of arbitration recommending wage increases and union recognition.

50,000,000 in U.S. Heard President

NEW YORK (AP)—Approximately 50,000,000 persons in the United States heard President Roosevelt's address on national security last night, according to a survey today made for the Columbia Broadcasting system by the research firm of C. E. Hooper Inc.

It is estimated at least half of Canada's 12,000,000 population heard the President's address.

Nazis Try to Burn London More Landmarks Hit in Worst Raid

LONDON (CP)—Over the old City of London today grotesque ruins of burned-out buildings pointed jagged fingers into the sky.

Policemen directed traffic away from the district turned into a shambles by the fiercest Nazi fire-bomb raid of the war.

In the brief but vicious attack German planes dumped thousands of incendiary bombs into the city, firing scores of buildings, among them some of the most famous in London.

Scarcely a street in the busy business district stretching eastward from the Strand was unmarked by fire or undamaged by high explosive bombs. Many buildings were razed and employees reporting for work this morning returned home or found quarters elsewhere.

Dawn turned the fantastic scene of flaming rooftops into one of grim reality. The sky was lighted for hours on end with flames from fires large and small.

Heroic Work By Firemen

Thousands of regular and auxiliary firemen fought a seemingly impossible battle, at times almost encircled by flames, and the success of their heroic work, in which some gave their lives, was shown in a tour of the bombed area this morning.

Fires were all under control when the blackout was lifted and only charred girders, smoking heaps of rubble and bleak, blackened walls remained to mark the scene that might have inspired a modern Dante's Inferno.

The raid was described officially as a "deliberate attempt" to set the city afire and everything bore this out. There was no indication the Nazis sought military targets and it was business establishments, newspaper offices, shops and churches that bore the brunt of the attack.

Fighter Planes Drive Enemy Away

Other sections of London were raided, but the bombing was concentrated on the city and it was across this district dense with buildings that waves of planes kept flying until British fighters took to the skies and drove the enemy back to his bases.

The threat was the greatest to the ancient city since it was rebuilt after being laid waste in the great fire of the 17th century and only heroic work by firemen and volunteers—and a fortuitous rain—prevented even heavier damage.

Damage is estimated to have run into millions of pounds sterling. Casualties in the hard-hit financial centre of London were said to be few, but the toll throughout the entire London area still was not fully tallied this afternoon.

A communique declared "damage was done to many famous buildings" and said these included the ancient Guildhall, scene of colorful civic ceremonial functions of the City of London.

Firemen Killed Near St. Paul's

St. Paul's Cathedral for a time was ringed by fires and firemen used its yard as a base for hose and fire engines in fighting blazes on Ludgate Hill. Several incendiary bombs hit the cathedral itself, but were extinguished.

One correspondent described the scene: "Thousands of firemen, police and civilians battled to stem the onward tide of the fierce flames. Dawn found the streets covered with a web of hose."

But historic St. Paul's was standing. Buildings had to be dynamited to save it. . . . Thousands of people hustling to work glanced at the blackened dome that dominated London's skyline and smiled a little."

Several of the firemen who saved the cathedral were killed during the hail of explosives.

Cheapside Scene of Ruins

The Cheapside district was blackened. Building after building became nothing but scarred shells.

At one time during the fire, the roof of the Guildhall was a vast bonfire. The building, which houses the Corporation of the

City of London, was begun in 1411 and completed in 1430. It was damaged by the Great Fire of 1666 and rebuilt in 1866. Most of the historic art treasures in the building were saved.

Unable to Save 2 Old Churches

Workers at the Press Association tried to save St. Bride's Church, which is in a courtyard nearby, but incendiaries gained ground too quickly and the building was burned out. St. Vedast Church in Foster Lane suffered a similar fate.

Other churches damaged included St. Lawrence, Jewry; St. Stephen's, Coleman Street; St. Mary's, Aldermanbury, and St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe.

The ancient hall of the Girdlers' Company in Basinghall Street, was severely damaged, and the Central Criminal Court—Old Bailey—also was hit.

Part of London Wall Street in the city was closed to the public because a tremendous mass of masonry from wrecked buildings lay athwart the roadway.

Leftovers from Christmas stocks tumbled out of broken store fronts.

C.P.-A.P. Building Set on Fire

Early in the raid two incendiary bombs fell on the roof of the five-story building used by the Canadian Press and the Associated Press as their headquarters in Great Britain. No member of either staff was injured.

The CP and AP staffs transferred to temporary quarters and continued operations.

At first members of the news staffs ran up the stairs and attempted to extinguish the flames.

Flames started by the incendiary missiles gained headway rapidly and within 10 minutes the top of the building was a mass of fire.

The staffs were forced out.

Staff Made Attempt With Pails of Water

Pat Ussher, a CP staff writer, gave this description:

"People working in the building rushed to the roof with pails of water and two stirrup pumps and tried to douse the flames. The fire gained a speedy foothold in the ceiling, defying all our efforts to halt it. We were handicapped by thick smoke rolling into our faces, making us choke and gasp."

"After half an hour the flames had gained such a foothold on the top floor that we were compelled to cease operations and dash downstairs to safety before the flames cut off our retreat."

"After we had evacuated the building laden with portable equipment, regular firemen found time to tackle the flames. As I left the building I saw flames leaping into the sky from the roof and top windows of our buildings. But the regulars got the blaze under control 2½ hours later."

Top Floor Left Open to Sky

"The top floor was gutted open to the sky and the third floor, including the Canadian Press office, was damaged by water. Flames ate a hole through our ceiling, but otherwise it was believed the office was not damaged by fire. The entire building is unusable at present, however."

Louis Hunter of Quebec, who had to dodge through showers of explosive and incendiary bombs en route to the office, said "it was just like running between rain drops but not quite so comfortable."

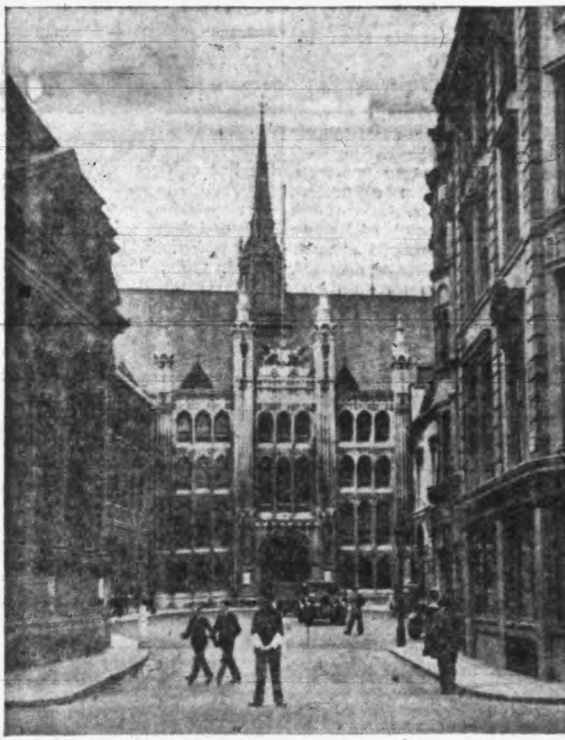
(The London offices of the Canadian Press and the Associated Press was located at 20 Tudor Street, between Fleet Street and the River Thames, a short distance from Blackfriars Bridge.)

(Earlier in the war a bomb exploded in the street outside the building, blasting a crater over the width of the street. The building was shaken again by a bomb explosion last Friday night.)

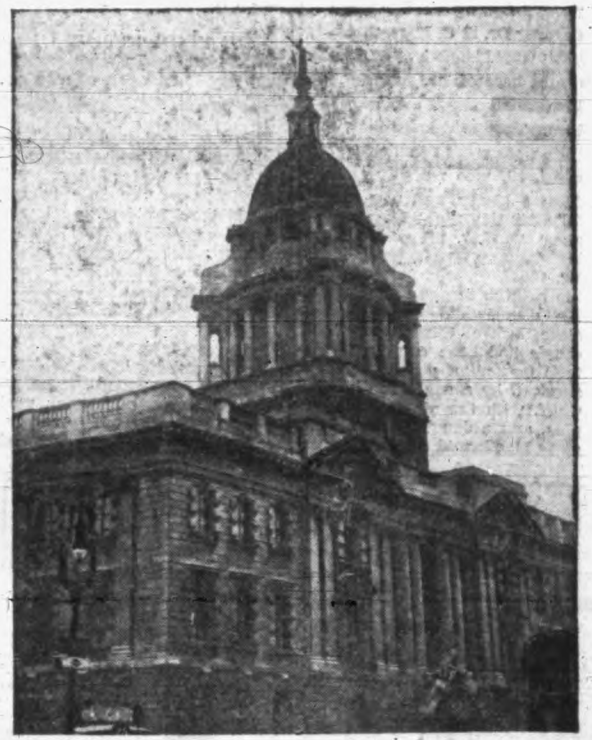
At the beginning of the raid two whole waves of bombers apparently laden with incendiary bombs swept across London, dumping single fire bombs



CHEAPSIDE DISTRICT BLACKENED—Many buildings in this area of London today are "nothing but scarred shells." This picture shows the Mansion House, Lord Mayor's residence at left, and farther up Cheapside the slim spire of the Church of St. Mary le Bow, home of Bow Bells.



ROOF BURNED—London's ancient Guildhall.



DAMAGED—Old Bailey, London's famous central criminal court building.

and huge "Molotov break-baskets" which spewed 50 to 100 incendiary bombs over entire districts.

Then, as fires spread, hundreds more raiders roared over with explosives by the ton to dump by the wavering light of flames reflected back, blood-red, from clouds high overhead.

Thousands Watched As Bombs Dropped

With the first explosive fury of the assault thousands of Londoners dashed for subway and basement refuges, thousands more took shelter in their back-yard Anderson "doghouses."

But despite the intensity of the attack thousands remained where they could look on, and many joined in the risky work of pumping water on the flames or smothering fires with sand.

Only once did the anti-aircraft barrage by London's guarding guns stop. That was when, at the height of the attack, Royal Air Force fighters took off for aerial battles with the raiders.

Nazis Chased Into Cloud Banks

Squadron after squadron of Spitfires and Hurricane fighters clashed with the raiders in dog-fights by the eerie light of the flames below.

Watchers from the ground said the bombers dodged to cover in the clouds.

London's fire spotters were unsung heroes of the night of horror. Through the shower of explosives they remained at their rooftop posts watching for the bursts of fire bombs and directing firemen to the scene of each new outbreak.

Many of them were believed killed or injured during the night.

Trench Shelter Hit By Bomb

Casualties also were feared high at a trench shelter reported hit squarely by a bomb after a large number of persons had taken shelter there.

It was believed bad weather conditions might have been a factor in the failure of the Nazi raiders to continue the attack after midnight.

Eighty horses were killed by one huge bomb which struck a brewery.

Four hundred persons were taken safely from a shelter in a church struck by a bomb.

9 Meningitis Cases

VANCOUVER (CP)—A spinal meningitis suspect from New Westminster was under observation in Vancouver infectious diseases hospital this afternoon, bringing to nine the number of cases now being treated here. No new Vancouver cases were reported over the weekend.

Wren Church Now Only Wreck

LONDON (CP)—Its dome blackened but defiant, St. Paul's stands today as the hub of a scene of devastation probably as great as any ever caused by flames ignited by the hot hate that is bred by war.

Even as I write this story in substitute quarters—the building housing the Canadian Press was burned out—smoke from one of Sir Christopher Wren's most famous churches, St. Bride's, is curling past the window. Only parts of the walls of the church are standing. They are blackened and twisted grotesquely.

Masked firemen fought the fires, most of which were in commercial premises. Fire apparatus lined the streets or rushed past in the eerie light, the drivers dodging piled up debris in the roadway.

Streets were lined with thousands of milling people anxious to catch sight of the war's worst fire raid. Whole blocks were barricaded and traffic diverted because dangerous buildings or roadways were littered with debris.

Cascades of water still flowed down the streets, sloshing against

Salvors Cheer Churchill

LONDON (CP)—Cheers and cries of "we can take it" greeted Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill this afternoon when they visited the fire-ravaged sections of the "city" of London.

Firemen perched on the roofs and grimy demolition squads rested for a moment to cheer. The Prime Minister and his wife visited what was left of the Guildhall and other historic places damaged by bomb-set fires.

The Ministry of Information said city workers gave Mr. Churchill this message:

"Good old Winston. Give it to them back and remember we can take what we had and much more."

AI Backs F.D.R.

NEW YORK (AP)—Alfred E. Smith, who frequently has expressed disagreement with President Roosevelt's policies, said today on his 67th birthday that he is certainly in accord with the President's Sunday night speech. Smith expressed belief Britain could withstand assault alone—if aided by United States.

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NO INQUEST

Police announced this afternoon, following a conference with Coroner Dr. E. C. Hart, that there likely would be no inquest into the deaths here of Dr. and Mrs. William Alexander Cluff of Saskatoon. They said indications were both were cases of suicide. Mrs. Cluff, 53, who recently suffered from a stroke and was unwell, fell Saturday night from a four-story window of a downtown building and was instantly killed. Dr. Cluff, 68, was found dead in the bathtub in one of the rooms the couple had occupied. Here since before Christmas. The couple had been coming to Victoria for several years. They are survived by a son, John Murray Cluff, with the air force in Regina, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Macdermid of Saskatoon.

Reaction to Roosevelt Speech

Inspiration to Britain—Nazis Silent

LONDON (CP)—Official circles said today they welcomed President Roosevelt's fireside chat of last night "as further proof of the courage and realism" of the United States attitude toward the war.

A spokesman described it as "one of the most powerful, logical indictments ever spoken."

He said Mr. Roosevelt's "recognition of the futility of appeasement was noted with especial satisfaction."

The spokesman added that a definition of the United States role as an arsenal for democracy and the expression of belief in the ultimate defeat of the Axis would "be a source of inspiration and courage to the leaders and the people of Great Britain."

Speeding of Supplies Welcomed in Britain

He said the good will and promises of American assistance in gathering volume, and above all with the utmost speed, are of no less than vital importance to the people of Britain, "who are determined to continue the war, no matter what the cost, until the dangers that beset democracy are finally overcome."

The London Evening Standard, published by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, said "we bend to our task with new defiance and faith."

"President Roosevelt hurled his message with the fury of a thunderbolt," it said. "He required no rhetoric. His aim was to hunt illusion to its fair, wherever it might be found, and stab it to the heart so that all the world might know."

"He slew complacency which still believes the seas can protect America if some other power but Britain rules them. He murdered appeasement with a last, sure-handed cut. He said two things plainly enough for every child to understand. There was danger ahead. It could only be averted if America made herself the great arsenal of democracy."

Greatest Speech Of His Career

NEW YORK (CP)—The New York Herald Tribune, saying President Roosevelt's address last night constituted a "high call to action" to the United States to obtain "more of everything," today termed the address "one of the greatest efforts of his career."

"This newspaper is convinced that if the President can implement leadership of this quality with the practical steps necessary to translate it into action, he will find the people of the United States unanimous in support of every step he may take to fulfill these great ends," it added.

The New York Times said the President, by announcing he regards the anti-aggression pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan as directed against the United

States, "has put all three countries on notice that he regards them as potential if not actual enemies."

It added: "Such a notice will be futile unless it is supported by an unmistakable acceleration of our own defence program. This has now become the nation's central task."

Action Quickly To Follow Words

Other comment: Washington Post—"The burden of Mr. Roosevelt's address was a total mobilization call upon our productive resources. . . . There are those who would have welcomed a specific wartime plan for, say, shipbuilding. No doubt, however, act will follow quickly upon words. For in no previous speech has the President made such a clear and unequivocal identification between our national interest and a Nazi defeat."

Boston Post—"The President's address was as frank and effective a delineation of national policy as that of Lincoln's first inaugural speech. . . . Only one point was not carried far enough. The President declared that an expeditionary force will be sent overseas. As he uttered these words, many of us wondered if that included the navy. Is it possible that our navy might be used for convoys and the like, and actual defence of the British Isles?"

Clear Defiance To Axis Aggressors

Worcester (Mass.) Telegram—"The President's address was a clear defiance of the Axis powers—a defiance which will thrill Americans and which will give

Newly-arrived Enemy Forces Fail

Greeks Gain, Repulse Italian Attacks

ATHENS (CP)—Greek forces have repulsed especially strong counter-attacks by fresh Italian troops in two sectors of the Albanian front, reports from the front said today.

North of Chimara, where the Greeks are aiming at the key coastal base of Valona, they were reported to have "scored further local gains" after beating off "strong, desperate counter-attacks launched with newly-arrived forces."

In the region north of Kilsura the Italians suffered "heavy losses," another dispatch declared. The Greeks were reported continuing heavy shelling of Italian "last stand" defence lines in the Tepeleni-Kilsura sector from newly-captured heights command-

ing roads north to the ports of Valona and Durazzo.

HURLED BACK

A government spokesman said the Greeks "have again attacked fortified positions which the Italians held and defended stubbornly," and finally hurled the Fascists back.

Three more small villages along the line of Greek Advance were reported occupied. Operations were restricted because of a new spell of intense cold and a heavy snow which piled in drifts six feet deep in the mountains.

The Greek Ministry of Home Security reported Italian bombers attacked the islands of Corfu and Levkas and the port of Preveza. The ministry's summary of air

raid casualties during the second month of the war with Italy showed a great decrease from the figures for the first month of the war.

During the second month, from November 29 to December 29, 88 persons, including 12 women and 25 children, were reported killed, and 296 wounded. Sixty houses and a church were reported wrecked.

For the first month, 604 were listed as killed, with 8,070 wounded and 1,100 homes destroyed.

Royal Air Force warplanes operating with the Greek forces subjected Valona to its 21st and 22nd raids of the war yesterday, the R.A.F. announced.

"Pilots saw bombs exploding among transports and troops moving on a road near a jetty, where a building was hit and a large fire started," a communiqué said in describing the first of the two attacks.

In the second, the R.A.F. said, "various hits were registered on a road leading to the northern jetty, buildings were hit and a number of bombs were observed to burst in a motor transport park and military stores."

In addition, the communiqué said, two cargo vessels, a merchant ship and a cruiser were machine-gunned.

One British plane was lost in the first raid. The two crew members descended by parachute.

Official comment was withheld, it was said because weather disturbances interfered with reception of the speech, particularly at the beginning.

Italian Summary Omits High Points

Without Monday morning newspapers, Italians had to wait until the noon editions of the afternoon press for a 300-word summary of the radio talk distributed by Stefani, Italian news agency, in which only 50 words were quoted from the President's text.

Although the Stefani summary reported President Roosevelt's warning of possible aggressive intentions of the axis powers in the western hemisphere, it failed to mention his reference to "tyranny" and the "unholy alliance . . . to enslave the human race."

Neither did it report his defence of United States neutrality with its comparison of American arms shipments with Russian oil and Swedish steel shipments to Germany. It likewise ignored his remark that Italians did not know "how soon they will be embraced to death by their allies."

Although blunt in his condemnation of the Axis as an alliance, President Roosevelt implied last night that he considered the Italian people unwilling partners in the enterprise.

Whenever he singled out any Axis power for particularized attack, it was always the "Nazis," "Germany," or the "Germans." Italy was mentioned only twice, while direct references to Germany, occurred 20 times.

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Response Pleases Roosevelt

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt was described today as "tremendously pleased" by the reaction to his defence address, in which he told the United States that it faced an emergency comparable only to war and that it must be "the great arsenal of democracy."

Stephen Early, a White House secretary, said the President was gratified that leaders of both parties had praised the speech, because he had called for national effort and realized that it could be "attained quicker and more effectively by unity."

Last night's address, Early said, brought a greater response than any other Mr. Roosevelt had made. Messages ran about 100 to 1 in favor of the views expressed in it, he added, saying the total was not yet available.

As a possible follow-up to the address, which advocated even more aid to Britain, Mr. Roosevelt talked at a luncheon today with Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and Arthur B. Purvis, chairman of the British purchasing mission.

He also had conferences with Sumner Welles, under-secretary of state, and with Captain Allen Kirk, who has just returned from London, where he was naval attaché at the American embassy.

British Pour Shells Into Bardia

LONDON (CP)—Military circles said today there was no reason to expect an early surrender of Bardia, beleaguered Italian base in Libya, because of lack of food and water. "It has been a base for some time and is well supplied," it was said.

Dispatches from Cairo stated British guns continued to pour shells into Bardia in preparation for the final attack on the Fascist stronghold 15 miles from the Egyptian border.

British authorities said their guns met "comparatively little response from the Italian garrison."

(The Italian high command admitted a heavy artillery duel was under way at Bardia.)

While the British authorities assembled men and material for the coming big attack, their patrols far down in the Sudan successfully harassed the Italians southwest of Kassala and east of Gallabat, general headquarters said.

BANKNOTES PRINTED

Egyptian newspapers reported discovery of a large number of banknotes especially printed for Egypt among the material abandoned at Sidi Barrani, first important Italian base town seized by the British troops when they began the African offensive early this month.

The notes were presumably to be put into circulation when the Italians entered Alexandria, it was said.

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Clark Gable Examined In Hospital

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Clark Gable came to Baltimore today for an examination by a Johns Hopkins Hospital physician of an old right shoulder injury suffered about three years ago while making the picture "San Francisco."

"It's not anything terribly serious," the film star said before going to the office of Dr. Louis Hamman, "but it does slow one down a bit."

Accompanied by his wife, Carole Lombard, Gable drove here from Washington. They were guests last night of President Roosevelt at the White House during the President's national defence broadcast.

Sir S. Argyle Dies

MELBOURNE (CP-Reuters)—Sir Stanley Argyle has died at the age of 72. He was premier of Victoria from 1932 until 1935, also treasurer and minister of health. He led the opposition from 1928 until 1932, and again after 1935.

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WATERFRONT TARGETS—Here is a glimpse of wharves, ships and buildings at Naples.

and also ports and airdromes in German-occupied territory, despite bad weather.

2 Ships Ask Aid in Atlantic

NEW YORK (AP)—Two British freighters flashed SOS calls from the submarine zone of the North Atlantic today—one reporting a collision 600 miles west of Scotland, the other radioing that she was "making water fast."

The 6,302-ton City of Bedford, out of New York for England, radioed she had collided with an unidentified ship.

The 5,342-ton Bodnant sent this message picked up by Mackay radio: "Position 58.40 north (latitude), 21.38 west (longitude). Making water fast in number one hold. Need immediate assistance."

The Bodnant did not give the cause of her trouble. Her position was close to that of the City of Bedford, indicating they were in the same convoy.

The Bodnant, a Liverpool

freighter built in 1919, traded between England and Africa before the war.

The City of Bedford is listed in Lloyd's Register of Shipping as a 430-foot vessel, built in 1934 and owned by Ellerman Lines Ltd., with the home port of Liverpool.

The British freighter Nalgora, 6,579 tons, radioed she was being trailed by a mysterious ship 200 miles east of the Azores.

Ninety minutes later, the Nalgora canceled her "raider" alarm without explanation, indicating she had met a friendly vessel.

The Glasgow freighter was in the India-England trade before the war.

Snow at Cranbrook

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP)—A six-inch snow fall has come too late for Christmas, but soon enough to relieve agriculturists who have been uneasy about next year's farm crops. Last year's snow fall was insufficient for good spring growth.

No clue was given in the brief Air Ministry communiqué as to identity of the German objective attacked.

Two aircraft were lost in the night's operations.

Hungarians Mobilizing

BUDAPEST (AP)—Hungary began mobilizing additional troops today in a movement reported designed to lead to total mobilization by next January 15.

The action was interpreted in some quarters as a sign of one more move in German preparations for war in the Balkans, where Hungary's army might help strengthen the German flank against Soviet Russia while the Nazis struck south toward Greece and Turkey.

Mobilization cards reached thousands of Hungarian men of military age last night and this morning.

This coincided with reports of renewed Russian military activity on highways running from Lwow (Lemberg), in Russian Poland, to the Slovak frontier.

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Canadians Moved To Mediterranean

DOMINION, N.S. (CP)—A former mayor of this Cape Breton town, now with the Canadian forces overseas, called his wife the week-end he is now stationed at a Mediterranean port.

Cpl. Francis Stephenson's message did not indicate the port, nor was there any indication of what troops, or how many, were stationed there.

(A recent London dispatch said Canadian troops, mainly tunnellers and engineers, now are assisting in strengthening the fortifications at Gibraltar, at the western mouth of the Mediterranean.)

Cpl. Stephenson some months ago figured in the downing of a Nazi bomber. As the raider came over him, he ran into an open field with a machine gun and fired at it. Later it was found to have crashed nearby.

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'Axis Powers Not Going to Win'—Roosevelt

WASHINGTON (AP)—Following is the text of President Roosevelt's "fireside chat" last night:

This is not a fireside chat on war. It is a talk on national security; because the hub of the whole purpose of your President is to keep you now, and your children later, and your grandchildren much later, out of a last-ditch war for the preservation of American independence and all of the things that American independence means to you and to me and to ours.

Tonight, in the presence of a world crisis, my mind goes back eight years ago to a night in the midst of a domestic crisis. It was a time when the wheels of American industry were grinding to a full stop, when the whole banking system of our country had ceased to function.

I well remember that while I sat in my study in the White House, preparing to talk with the people of the United States, I had before my eyes the picture of all those Americans with whom I was talking. I saw the workmen in the mills, the mines, the factories; the girl behind the counter; the small shopkeeper; the farmer doing his spring ploughing; the widows and the old men wondering about their life's savings.

I tried to convey to the great mass of American people what the banking crisis meant to them in their daily lives.

Tonight, I want to do the same thing, with the same people, in this new crisis which faces America.

We met the issue of 1933 with courage and realism. We face this new crisis—this new threat to the security of our nation—with the same courage and realism.

Never before since Jamestown and Plymouth Rock has our American civilization been in such danger as now.

3 Nations Threaten United States

For, on September 27, 1940, by an agreement signed in Berlin, three powerful nations, two in Europe and one in Asia, joined themselves together in the threat that if the United States interfered with or blocked the expansion program of these three nations—a program aimed at world control—they would unite in ultimate action against the United States.

The Nazi masters of Germany have made it clear that they intend not only to dominate all life and thought in their own country, but also to enslave the whole of Europe, and then to use the resources of Europe to dominate the rest of the world.

Three weeks ago their leader stated "there are two worlds that stand opposed to each other." Then in defiant reply to his opponents, he said this: "Others are correct when they say: With this world we cannot ever reconcile ourselves. . . I can beat any other power in the world." So said the leader of the Nazis. In other words, the Axis not

merely admits but proclaims that there can be no ultimate peace between their philosophy of government and our philosophy of government.

In view of the nature of this undeniable threat, it can be asserted, properly and categorically, that the United States has no right or reason to encourage talk of peace until the day shall come when there is a clear intention on the part of the aggressor nations to abandon all thought of domination or conquering the world.

British, Greeks, Chinese Block Axis Powers

At this moment, the forces of the states that are leagued against all peoples who live in freedom are being held away from our shores. The Germans and Italians are being blocked on the other side of the Atlantic by the British, and by the Greeks, and by thousands of soldiers and sailors who were able to escape from subjugated countries. The Japanese are being engaged in Asia by the Chinese in another great defence.

In the Pacific is our fleet. Some of our people like to believe that wars in Europe and in Asia are of no concern to us. But it is a matter of most vital concern to us that European and Asiatic war-makers should not gain control of the oceans which lead to this hemisphere.

One hundred and seventeen years ago the Monroe Doctrine was conceived by our government as a measure of defence in the face of a threat against this hemisphere by an alliance in continental Europe. Thereafter, we stood on guard in the Atlantic, with the British as neighbors. There was no treaty. There was no "unwritten agreement."

Yet, there was the feeling, proven correct by history, that we as neighbors could settle any disputes in peaceful fashion. The fact is that during the whole of this time the western hemisphere has remained free from aggression from Europe or from Asia.

Does anyone seriously believe that we need to fear attack while a free Britain remains our most powerful naval neighbor in the Atlantic? Does anyone seriously believe, on the other hand, that we could rest easy if the Axis powers were our neighbor there?

America at Gunpoint If Axis Wins

If Great Britain goes down, the Axis powers will control the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia and the high seas—and they will be in a position to bring enormous military and naval resources against this hemisphere. It is no exaggeration to say that all of us in the Americas would be living at the point of a gun—a gun loaded with explosive bullets, economic as well as military.

We should enter upon a new and terrible era in which the whole world, our hemisphere included, would be run by threats of brute force. To survive in such a world, we would have to convert ourselves permanently into a militaristic power on the basis of war economy.

Some of us like to believe that even if Great Britain falls we are still safe, because of the broad expanse of the Atlantic and of the Pacific.

But the width of these oceans is not what it was in the days of clipper ships. At one point between Africa and Brazil the distance is less than from Washington to Denver—five hours for the latest type of bomber. And at the north of the Pacific Ocean America and Asia almost touch each other.

Even today we have planes which could fly from the British Isles to New England and back without refueling. And the range of the modern bomber is ever being increased.

During the past week many people in all parts of the nation have told me what they wanted me to say tonight. Almost all of them expressed a courageous desire to hear the plain truth about the gravity of the situation.

One telegram, however, expressed the attitude of the small minority who want to see no evil and hear no evil, even though they know in their hearts that evil exists. That telegram begged me not to tell again of the ease with which our American cities could be bombed by any hostile power which had gained bases in this western hemisphere. The gist of that telegram was: "Please, Mr. President, don't frighten us by telling us the facts."

Danger Ahead, Must Prepare

Frankly and definitely there is danger ahead—danger against which we must prepare. But we well know that we cannot escape danger, or the fear of it, by crawling into bed and pulling the covers over our heads.

Some nations of Europe were bound by solemn nonintervention pacts with Germany. Other nations were assured by Germany that they need never fear invasion. Nonintervention pact or not, the fact remains that they were attacked, overrun and thrown into the modern form of slavery at an hour's notice or even without any notice at all.

Seek to Divide People of America

Their secret emissaries are active in our own and neighboring countries. They seek to stir up suspicion and dissension to cause internal strife. They try to turn capital against labor and vice versa. They try to reawaken long-slumbering racial and religious enmities which should have no place in this country. They are active in every group that promotes intolerance. They exploit for their own ends our national abhorrence of war. These trouble-breeds have but one purpose. It is to divide our people into hostile groups and to destroy our unity and shatter our will to defend ourselves.

There are also American citizens, many of them in high places, who, unwittingly in most cases, are aiding and abetting the work of these agents. I do not charge these American citizens with being foreign agents, but I do charge them with doing exactly the kind of work that the

dictators want done in the United States. These people not only believe that we can save our own skins by shutting our eyes to the fate of other nations. Some of them go much further than that. They say that we can and should become the friends and even the partners of the Axis Powers. Some of them even suggest that we should imitate the methods of the dictatorships. Americans never can and never will do that.

The experience of the past two years has proven beyond doubt that no nation can appease the Nazis. No man can tame a tiger into a kitten by stroking it. There can be no appeasement with ruthlessness. There can be no reasoning with an incendiary bomb. We know now that a nation can have peace with the Nazis only at the price of total surrender.

Embraced to Death By Nazi Allies

Even the people of Italy have been forced to become accomplices of the Nazis; but at the moment they do not know how soon they will be embraced to death by their allies.

The American appeasers ignore the warning to be found in the fate of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and France. They tell you that the Axis powers are going to win anyway; that all this bloodshed in the world could be saved, and that the United States might just as well throw its influence into the scale of a dictated peace, and get the best out of it that we can.

They call it a "negotiated peace." Nonsense! Is it a negotiated peace if a gang of outlaws makes you pay tribute to save your own skins? Such a dictated peace would be no peace at all. It would be only another armistice, leading to the most gigantic armament race and the most devastating trade wars in history. And in these contests the Americas would offer the only real resistance to the Axis powers.

With all their vaunted efficiency and parade of pious purpose in this war, there are still in their background the concentration camp and the servants of God in chains.

Unholy Alliance To Enslave Humans

The proposed "new order" is the very opposite of a united states of Europe or a united states of Asia. It is not a government based upon the consent of the governed. It is not a union of ordinary, self-respecting men and women to protect themselves and their freedom and their dignity from oppression. It is an unholy alliance of power and self to dominate and enslave the human race.

The British people are conducting an active war against this unholy alliance. Our own future security is greatly dependent on the outcome of that fight. Our ability to "keep out of war" is going to be affected by that outcome.

Strikes, Lock-outs Must Not Interfere

The nation expects our defence industries to continue operation without interruption by strikes or lockouts. It expects and insists that management and workers will reconcile their differences by voluntary or legal means, to continue to produce the supplies that are so sorely needed.

And on the economic side of our great defence program, we are, as you know, bending every effort to maintain stability of prices and with that the stability of the cost of living.

Nine days ago I announced the setting up of a more effective organization to direct our gigantic efforts to increase the production of munitions. The appropriation of vast sums of money and a well co-ordinated executive direction of our defence efforts are not in themselves enough. Guns, planes and ships have to be built in the factories and arsenals of America. They have to be produced by workers and managers and engineers with the aid of machines which in turn have to be built by hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the land.

In this great work there has been splendid co-operation between the government and industry and labor. American industrial genius, unmatched throughout the world in the solution of production problems, has been called upon to bring its resources and talents into action. Manufacturers of watches, of farm implements, linotypes, cash registers, automobiles, sewing machines, lawn mowers and locomotives are now making fuses, bomb packing crates, telescope mounts, shells, pistols and tanks.

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Belgium today is being used as an invasion base against Britain, now fighting for its life. Any South American country, in Nazi hands, would always constitute a jumping-off place for German attack on any one of the other republics of this hemisphere.

Analyze for yourselves the future of two other places even nearer to Germany if the Nazis won. Could Ireland hold out? Would Irish freedom be permitted as an amazing exception in an unfree world? Or the islands of the Azores which still fly the flag of Portugal after five centuries? We think of Hawaii as an outpost of defence in the Pacific. Yet, the Azores are closer to our shores in the Atlantic than Hawaii is on the other side.

There are those who say that the Axis Powers would never have any desire to attack the western hemisphere. This is the same dangerous form of wishful thinking which has destroyed the powers of resistance of so many conquered peoples. The plain facts are that the Nazis have proclaimed, time and again, that all other races are their inferiors and therefore subject to their orders. And most important of all, these vast resources and wealth of this hemisphere constitute the most tempting loot in all the world.

Let us no longer blind ourselves to the undeniable fact that the evil forces which have crushed and undermined and corrupted so many others are already within our own gates. Your government knows much about them and every day is ferreting them out.

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ships, more guns, more planes—more of everything. This can only be accomplished if we discard the notion of "business as usual." This job cannot be done merely by superimposing on the existing productive facilities the added requirements for defence.

Our defence efforts must not be blocked by those who fear the future consequences of surplus plant capacity. The possible consequences of failure of our defence efforts now are much more to be feared.

After the present needs of our defence are past, a proper handling of the country's peacetime needs will require all of the new productive capacity—if not more. No pessimistic policy about the future of America shall delay the immediate expansion of those industries essential to defence.

I want to make it clear that it is the purpose of the nation to build now with all possible speed every machine and arsenal and factory that we need to manufacture our defence material. We have the men, the skill, the wealth, and above all, the will.

I am confident that if and when production of consumer or luxury goods in certain industries requires the use of machines and raw materials essential for defence purposes, then such production must yield to our primary and compelling purpose.

Asks All Efforts In Manufacturers

I appeal to the owners of plants—to the managers—to the workers—to our government employees—to put every ounce of effort in producing these munitions swiftly and without stint. And with this appeal I give you the pledge that all of us who are officers of your government will devote ourselves to the same wholehearted extent to the great task which lies ahead.

As planes and ships and guns and shells are produced, your government, with its defence experts, can then determine how best to use them to defend this hemisphere. The decision as to how much shall be sent abroad and how much shall remain at home must be made on the basis of our over-all military necessities.

We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself. We must apply ourselves to our task with the same resolution, the same sense of urgency, the same spirit of patriotism and sacrifice as we would show were we at war.

We have furnished the British great material support and we will furnish far more in the future.

There will be no "bottlenecks" in our determination to aid Great Britain. No dictator, no combination of dictators, will weaken that determination by threats of how they will construe that determination.

Heroic Greek Army Supports British

The British have received invaluable military support from the heroic Greek army, and from the forces of all the governments in exile. Their strength is growing. It is the strength of men and women who value their freedom more highly than they value their lives.

I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and best information.

We have no excuse for defeatism. We have every good reason for hope—hope for peace, hope for the defence of our civilization—and for the building of a better civilization in the future.

I have the profound conviction that the American people are now determined to put forth a mightier effort than they have ever yet made to increase our production of all the implements of defence, to meet the threat to our democratic faith.

As President of the United States I call for that national effort. I call for it in the name of this nation which we love and honor and which we are privileged and proud to serve. I call upon our people with absolute confidence that our common cause will greatly succeed.

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"Hello, Grandma! We'll Be Over to See You, Saturday"

The telephone again brings good news for Grandma! She's particularly pleased to know that little Verna will visit her, Saturday.

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Mr. Roosevelt's Decision

STRIPPED OF ALL ITS POTENT VER-
biage, Mr. Roosevelt's address to the
world last night was a stern warning to the
axis powers that he regards the Rome-Ber-
lin-Tokyo pact—especially after its rededica-
tion in the Nazi capital last September 27—
as "a new menace to the security" of
the United States. For the time being, how-
ever, he sees that menace held in check in
the Old World by the heroic resistance of
Great Britain and Greece and those who are
fighting with them, and in the Orient by
China. But the President has deduced from
Hitler's speech of three weeks ago that if
the triple alliance of totalitarianism should
be successful in its attempts to crush the
forces of right and decency in these areas
of actual conflict, it then would utilize its
accumulation of resources "to enslave the
world." On this basis of reasoning, there-
fore, Mr. Roosevelt has proclaimed the dic-
tum that his country must become "the
great arsenal of democracy" and furnish in-
creasing material aid, and furnish it while
there is yet time, to those nations which
at present are defending the bastions of
free men and women. Nor does the 32nd
President of the United States propose that
the 130,000,000 people over whose destinies
he for the moment presides shall be de-
termined in this resolve by any further threats
which may emanate from either Berlin,
Rome, or Tokyo.

Although most of the sentiments to which
Mr. Roosevelt gave utterance are familiar
to Canadians, as well as to the peoples of
other countries, it was well that he clarified
his own and his administration's views on
United States policy toward the implications
of the conflict, and described in unequivocal
language the role the nation is now called
upon to play, not only in defence of its own
jealously-guarded way of life, but also to
protect the very security of its basic institu-
tions. Particularly apt and timely was his
straightforward warning to those still in-
clined to the belief that the modern aggres-
sor can be appeased; "you cannot tame a
tiger into a kitten by stroking it." There
were still in his country, nevertheless, those
who advocated what they termed a "nego-
tiated peace"—who, presumably, were hesi-
tant to realize that the "new order" as con-
ceived by the axis powers is nothing short
of the revival of the worst form of tyranny,
the intention to dominate and enslave the
human race. Therefore, if there were still
some who, by their defeatist attitude, were
"doing the kind of work" that the dictators
required done, who, figuratively speaking,
had thrown up the sponge in the belief that
the axis would win the struggle, he could
assure them that information from reliable
authorities now in his possession meant
nothing if it did not mean eventual defeat
for the men of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. In
other words, then, the only way to defend
America and the Western Hemisphere, and
still keep the United States out of the actual
conflict, lay in a willingness and determina-
tion to strengthen those on the ramparts in
Britain and elsewhere where the flag of
freedom still flies.

What "many Americans in high places"
who are wittingly or unwittingly "aiding and
abetting" the emissaries of the axis powers
thought about the President's allusion to
them we may never know. But if the peo-
ple of the United States were anxious to
learn and understand the nature of the
menace confronting them, who and what
had caused a half-hearted recognition of the
danger which other peoples now realize to
their sorrow and horror, no comforting illu-
sions remained to them after Mr. Roosevelt
had concluded his address. And if the pro-
pagandists in Berlin and Rome and Tokyo,
who have been especially voluble since the
presidential speech was first announced,
imagined that last night's discussion would
be just another "fireside chat" without
special significance, they, too, have probably
persuaded themselves by this time that the
United States—the Latin Republics as well—
does not propose to submit to any form of
intimidation or to qualify, in the immediate
present or in the remote future, for mem-
bership in the "new order" of axis pattern.
We in Canada, likewise the peoples of the
British Commonwealth, find particular com-
fort in Mr. Roosevelt's plain speaking. Those
brave folk in Britain, subjected daily and
nightly to the full fury of totalitarianism's
evil doings, the men and women defending
the front line of freedom with everything
they have and are, will now realize beyond
 peradventure that the President and people
of the United States intend to constitute
themselves "the great arsenal of democracy."

Pay Them Back

GOERING'S LUFTWAFFE LAST NIGHT
did its best to destroy the City of Lon-
don by fire. That comparatively small area
which begins at Temple Bar, embracing the
world's most historic business realm and
centres at the Mansion House, the Bank of
England and the Royal Exchange, now pre-
sents a scene of material desolation. Gaunt
and blackened shells of premises which have
sod since the last and earlier centuries are
grim reminders the price Londoners in par-

ticular and Britons in general are paying as
they constitute, in President Roosevelt's lan-
guage, the "spearhead of resistance" to the
"revival of the worst tyranny." There are
many sad hearts in the great metropolis as
they count the cost in the destruction of
more historic monuments—furnishing new
evidence of Nazi and Fascist barbarism.
Thousands of people in the United States,
especially those who have tarried with their
thoughts in the ancient edifices which Goer-
ling and his men have reduced to shapeless
objects and powdery rubble, will, however,
feel better about even this new demonstra-
tion of savagery now that their President
has assured them their country will "get
these weapons to those who are enduring."
Not for us to tell the men of London who are
conducting the great fight what to do in re-
taliation for last night's fire raid; but we
ignore the risk of being called a victim of a
"sadistic strain," or of being accused of re-
acting to a "hereditary relic of an untutored
ancestry," by expressing the hope that like
punishment will be meted out to Berlin with
compound interest.

For Our Sailors

ON BEHALF OF THE COURAGEOUS
men of both the Royal Canadian Navy
and the merchant marine who sail from our
ports to brave the winter elements as well
as the enemy, Rear Admiral Percy W. Nelles
is appealing to the people across Canada.
The chief of the Canadian naval staff asks
for 5,000 sets of woolen garments for their
before the end of January. From now until
late spring the cold on the north Atlantic
is intense and some of the vessels in use
have no facilities for heating the living
quarters. While on duty men may become
drenched repeatedly. Changes of warm, dry
clothing are essential.

Rear Admiral Nelles points out that
women's organizations in Canada have done
valiantly since the beginning of the war in
the knitting of socks, mittens, scarfs, sweat-
ers and helmets for seafaring men. They
would feel well rewarded to see the grati-
tude of the men when they receive an out-
fit of woolen garments before sailing to
face another battle with the biting elements.
Knitting needles cannot be piled to better
effect in Canadian homes at this time than
to work without delay in response to this
appeal for the men who go down to the sea
in ships.

A Timely Proposal

DRIVERS OF MOTOR CARS AS WELL
as pedestrians will welcome the recom-
mendation of the City Police Commissioners
that applicants for automobile licenses or
second-hand car transfers be required to
produce a certificate that brakes and steering
apparatus are in good order, and that,
before a transfer is granted, the owner be
required to file a public liability insurance
policy.

The last few months have revealed an
alarming increase in the number of motor
accidents in Greater Victoria, several with
fatal results, and in the majority of cases
involving legal action the defence plea has
been based on faulty mechanism. One re-
cent incident produced evidence that the
person charged had paid only \$7 for a car
which had admittedly caused a serious ac-
cident—a purchase price which furnishes
its own commentary on mechanical condi-
tion. Such cars constitute a menace which
should be immediately and rigidly checked,
for it is imperative that the hazards to pub-
lic safety in the streets of the community
should not be further increased by permit-
ting the use of decrepit contraptions that
are fit only for the junk pile, and which,
all too often, are driven by youthful and
irresponsible persons who fail to appreciate
the danger of the lethal weapons in their
charge.

The time has come when serious con-
sideration should be given to the question
of some measure of public liability insur-
ance. It ought not to be too much to ask
that financial redress be made available to
victims of preventable accidents who too fre-
quently sustain great physical suffering and
who, in not a few cases, discover that the
driver of the vehicle responsible for their
injuries manages to escape all material re-
sponsibility.

Further rationing is expected for Britons
after the New Year—but there will be no
hitch in the belts they are handing the Ger-
mans.

NOT TO BE LOST

From Financial Post

The truth is that the only serious oppo-
sition to the major recommendations of the
Rowell-Sirols report comes from those who
think of the provinces as the real govern-
ments of Canada; and who think of sec-
tional interests as more important than the
national interest. It is natural that provin-
cially-minded politicians such as Hepburn
and Aberhart and newspapers with a thor-
oughly localized point of view should object
to any return to the original aims of the
Fathers of Confederation and to any effort
to give Canada a stronger central govern-
ment.

The local, provincial or "Balkan" attitude
to the recommendations has a right to be
heard. This is a democratic country and
it is well that we should argue out this
question of whether Canada should be one
nation or a loose aggregation of local gov-
ernmental units. But in a democracy the
majority counts. And it is clear that the
newspapers and public bodies which favor
a stronger nation, with one major govern-
ment instead of 10 oversized governments,
are overwhelmingly in the majority in
Canada.

It would be a tragedy if we lost this
opportunity to rebuild the structure of
Canadian public finance and to strengthen
the country for the strain and shocks of the
postwar period.

Bruce Hutchison

MAN, THE PECULIAR

AT THIS SEASON man behaves in a
fashion peculiar to himself and differ-
ent from the fashion of nature, in which I
confess I have more confidence. This is the
season when man feels at his lowest in mind
and body and, in a desperate attempt to
counteract his natural feelings, he wallows
in such stimulants as food, drink and so-
ciety. It is the season when he herds to-
gether, in festivity and wassail, not because
he feels happy but precisely because he
feels so miserable. And his effort to over-
come the horrid depression of the time
usually fails.

But nature has already felt an opposite
impulse. Nature has felt a great basic
change, which I refer to again at this sea-
son without apology for my inevitable rep-
etition. Nature, with no knowledge of astron-
omy, with no instruments, laboratories or
observatories, has felt the great earth heave
and swing on its axis, tilting towards the
sun. Nature has felt already, while we are
still speculating on the possibility, the
lengthening of daylight, the shortening
night.

Already, though you may not feel it,
though you may feel only a temporary
warming out of the liquor store of a govern-
ment which should know better, though
you may be stimulated only out of a bottle,
nature has felt the whole northern hemis-
phere start to warm up. It is slow work
and will take time, but the process has
begun. For a long time, since June last,
the northern hemisphere has been cooling.
Now it is warming, and down in the earth
the message has gone forth, the news has
spread and every growing thing has heard
the grand revivification of the year. Down there,
as you will find if you dig, the bulbs are all
sprouting, fat and yellow, and the roots are
growing fast, and while you will not feel
spring for months yet, while you will be
depressed well on into March, nature is
almost shouting with joy at the good news.

PROPHECY

IT IS AN APPROPRIATE season, there-
fore, as a new cycle begins, to look back
and estimate what has happened in the
season now over. A great many things have
happened, as you will read in all the news-
papers on New Year's Eve. But they have
one characteristic in common—none of them
turned out as expected. This year has made
monkeys out of all the prophets and be-
trayed all the politicians. You can take any
event which has occurred and you will find
that the overwhelming weight of respon-
sible opinion had predicted confidently that
it could not occur. Everybody who put word
to paper was stultified. If it were only a
minor local scribbler like me who were
wrong about everything it would be of no
great moment, and certainly no occasion for
surprise. But all the great scribblers of the
age were universally wrong.

They will not tell you so, however. They
will go on making predictions about 1941
as boldly as they made them about 1940.
Yea, prophets who were telling us at this
time last year that the Maginot Line was
quite safe, who and later were sure that
Britain would be beaten in August, will come
forth in a day or two now, like bears coming
out of their dens, like insects coming from
under a damp board, and they will tell us
what is going to happen before next Christ-
mas.

This, perhaps, is not remarkable, since
they make their living that way and every
man must live, even a prophet. What is
remarkable is the fact that the public will
listen and believe, as it has always done.
Let a man predict anything loud enough,
in large enough type, in enough newspapers,
and it will be believed by many people; and
on the sure principle that the more improb-
able, the more impossible the prediction, the
wider credence it will receive. And if you
doubt that, cast your mind back to this sea-
son a year ago and try to recall what you
believed then. You will observe, if you are
honest, that nearly everything you believed
about the current condition of the world has
turned out in the ensuing 12 months to be
entirely wrong.

Or if you can say that everything you be-
lieved at this time last year was correct, then
I can only conclude that you are a practi-
tioner of black magic, a sorcerer and witch
who should be slain on the Druid's altar of
Pandora Avenue.

BOLD PUNDITS

YET I AM CONFIDENT that few people,
looking back over the shattered prophe-
cies of 1940, will hesitate to form an
opinion on the events of 1941. There is
hardly a man so poor, so ignorant, and so
wrong about everything in his own life that
he will hesitate to plot out the course of the
world in the next twelvemonth. Why, men
who have found everything they expected
shattered in the last year are busier than
ever telling other men, equally discredited,
how the war will go next year. Men who
have been unable to keep track of their
wives and families will have firm opinions
concerning the family of nations.

Therefore, the prophecy business will
thrive at the first of the new year as always
and it will be impossible to persuade any-
one that nothing will turn out in 1941 as
anyone predicted; that everything will turn
out in a fashion which no one foresees; that
the only thing you can count on reasonably
is the impossible thing. Tell me the most
fantastic and incredible possibility, and I
will tell you what is almost sure to happen
in 1941.

Parallel Thoughts

Give me understanding, and I shall keep
Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my
whole heart.—Psalms 119:34.

The light of understanding humbly kind-
leth, and pride covereth.—Quarles.

Elmore Philpott

DRIVE TO EAST

THE current German move in
Rumania interests me even
more than the rumored at-
tempted invasion of Britain be-
cause it offers so many alternate
possibilities. All that we know
for sure, to date, is this: The Red
armies hold the ground to the
north of the mouths of the Dan-
ube, in their recaptured province
of Bessarabia, while the Ger-
mans hold Rumania, including
bases on the Black Sea, south of
the river. The German armies
are therefore in the most strate-
gically desirable position that
they have ever been in. They
have reached a position which
they were never expected to be
allowed to reach without open
and violent Russian opposition.

If Hitler were going to make
war on the Soviet he could not
possibly have achieved more de-
sirable jumping-off positions than
he now holds from the Baltic to
the Black Sea. That fact is ele-
mentary knowledge to the Rus-
sian general staff as well as to
the rest of the military world.
But the Russians also know that
one of the basic canons of Hit-
ler's belief is that Germany must
never, under any circumstances
attempt to fight both the British
Empire and Russia at one and
the same time. They can there-
fore afford to bide their time.

Hitler could strike quickly at
Greece through Bulgaria, and
Macedonia. His panzer-divisions
would probably not have too
much trouble reaching Salonika.
But to do so he would need the
permission of Russia, which has
served a plain "hands off Bul-
garia" warning. Moreover any
move against Greece would cer-
tainly bring Turkey into the war
instantaneously. It is not be-
yond possibility that Yugoslavia
would swiftly follow Turkey in

such circumstances, as the former
would be under no illusions as to
her future fate if all her neigh-
bors fell.

In a nutshell, then, it seems
that the large German armies
now pouring into Rumania are
more likely going there either to
help "persuade" the Soviet to
make some new deal; or else to
carry out some deal between Ger-
many and Russia already secretly
made.

Any possible military gains for
Germany which would follow a
drive through the Mediterranean
via Macedonia would seem to be
far more than offset by resultant
disadvantages. The German and
Italian armies are not compar-
able. But the experience of the
Italians would encourage the
Germans to be cautious. A pos-
sible hostile line-up including the
Turks, Greeks and Serbs might
make the wildest gambler hesi-
tate. Hitler is not a gambler.
He has never made a single move,
in the military arena, where he
did not have overwhelming ad-
vantage of force on his side.

So my guess about the whole
south-eastern move is this:
Watch for another strange ar-
rangement between Stalin and
Hitler which will encourage the
latter further to lengthen his
frontier. The longer that front-
ier the better Stalin's chance to
strike when the final falling out
comes.

It will come. Of that I feel
more sure than ever. But I
greatly doubt that it will come
this year.

Nothing could please me more
than my words should be proved
ridiculous before they can get
into print.

For when the falling out does
come between Hitler and Stalin
we will be in the final phase of
this war.

This Irish Business

(A Letter to the Editor of New
York Herald Tribune by Hon. R.
J. Manion.)

Sir—Since Mr. de Valera criti-
cized Mr. Churchill's statement to
the effect that Britain is under a
heavy burden through being un-
able to use the ports of Eire
against the German U-boat men-
ace there has been a flood of
correspondence in American and
Canadian newspapers, all of it
seemingly written by two ex-
treme groups—those who con-
demn Mr. de Valera and those who
viciously opposed to Britain because
of injustices inflicted on south
Ireland in days gone by.

As these two types of letter
merely provoke recrimination
and ill-feeling without useful re-
sult, it may be well to point out
that there is an opinion held
strongly by many southern Irish-
men who are not extremists—the
realistic view that Eire's way of
life and her nationhood are as
much at stake in this war as are
those of England. I am a Roman
Catholic whose grandparents
came to Canada 100 years ago
from Cork and Tipperary. I know
well the tragic history of English-
Irish relations, and as a young
man in the first decade of this
century I was a supporter of
John Redmond, T. P. O'Connor,
William O'Brien (my mother's
family name) when they came to
this continent soliciting aid for
the home rule campaign.

THE REAL ISSUE

It is not necessary to be a sla-
vish worshipper of everything
British to be on her side in this
war, for the real issue is not to
save England but the preserva-
tion of democracy and the main-
tenance of liberty of worship,
speech, press, assembly in the
few countries where they still
exist.

While not questioning the legal
right of Eire to proclaim neutral-
ity, the wisdom of that decision
may well be doubted, for practi-
cally all Germany's neighbors en-
deavored honestly to be neutral,
yet they were forced into bondage
by vile deceit in diplomacy, "fifth
column" penetration and cruel
invasion, the Satanic intelligence
of Hitler having diverted all sci-
entific progress to the production
of military weapons with which
to subjugate these innocent and
law-abiding neutrals.

If the philosophy of Hitler and
Mussolini should prevail, the
world will turn back to the rule
of the wild beast, fang and claw
replacing Christian charity, a
scientifically-crude barbarism sup-
planting the progressive civiliza-
tion of which we have heretofore
boasted. And if Hitler succeeds,
is anyone so rash as to expect
Eire to remain an oasis of liberty
in a desert of dictatorship? Why
should she expect different treat-
ment from that meted out to
other countries that tried to fol-
low the neutral pathway?

The sole concern of the people
of Eire must be the true interest
of their nation, for no state can
afford the luxury of indulging
the spirit of revenge. The real
test of southern Ireland's attitude
in this war is whether her pre-
sent free nationhood is the more
menaced by a successful England
or a conquering Germany. If the
answer is not obvious to the dull-

SPENCER FOODS

TUESDAY VALUES

NEW YEAR'S HAMS

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Cottage Rolls Tender- ized, lb. 27c	Cottage Cheese Per lb. 10c	Unsmoked Bacon Sliced, ½ lb. 11c
Sliced Bologna Per ½ lb. 7c	Pure Lard, Per lb. 6c	Small Wieners Per lb. 20c
Large Eggs Grade A, doz. 28c	Side Bacon Sliced ½ lb. 15c	Boiled Ham Sliced, ½ lb. 23c

MEATS—AS CUT IN CASE—CASH AND CARRY

Small Roasts Pork Per lb. 14c	Legs Pork Per lb. 19c	Veal Roasts Boneless, lb. 20c
Oxford Sausage, lb. 10c	Minced Steak, lb. 11c	
Sausage Meat, lb. 10c	Stew Beef, 2 lbs. 28c	

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Blade Roasts, lb. 15c; Cross Rib Roasts, lb. 17c
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Rump Roasts, lb. 24c; Sirloin Tip Roasts, lb. 22c; 20c
Shoulder Steak, lb. 16c; Round Steak, lb. 23c

Quality Mutton
Shoulders, lb. 11c; Legs, lb. 20c; Chops, lb. 20c

Small Firm Grain-fed Pork
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Point Steaks, lb. 48c; Round Steak, lb. 28c

Quality Spring Lamb
Shoulders, lb. 20c; Legs, lb. 30c; Breasts, lb. 14c

Loins and Fillets Grain-fed Pork
Fillets, lb. 26c; Loins, lb. 27c; Chops, lb. 28c

Little Pig Sausage | Minced Round | Kidney Suet
Per | Steak, | Chopped,
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DIFFERENCE IN TAXATION

From a Correspondent

In discussing taxes, I would
like to have explained to me why
the owner of a company or of a
store pays more in taxes for the
same amount of money to the
government than the salaried
man. For instance, a salaried
man getting \$3,000 pays \$207.87,
a businessman making the same
amount of money pays the same
amount of taxes, but, if the busi-
ness man should happen to make
\$5,000 which for the last two
years he only made \$3,000 he
would pay \$1,707.87, whereas the
salaried man making \$5,000 would

only pay \$603.62. Or, for in-
stance, take a salaried man mak-
ing \$15,000 he would pay \$4,437.81
taxes. Now take the business
man making the same \$15,000 he
will pay \$5,098.44 taxes and if
this business man should have
last year made only \$12,000 he
would pay as follows: \$3,723.79.
As you see the business man by
taking chances of his investments
pays bigger taxes for the same
amount of money than the sala-
ried man. Many people say be-
cause the government officers are
salaried men, that is why the dif-
ference. I would like to have
some explanation.

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THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"Well, folks, leap year's about over, but I MADE IT!"

With the Forces



"He got homesick, sir—so I'm minding him for one of those Australian fliers."

Britishers Treat Canadians Well

"I wish they would stop shaking my bed and let me get some sleep."

That is representative of the spirit shown by hospitalized Canadian soldiers in England, as German bombs burst around them, the concussion making the hospital act like something alive.

Gunner F. J. McFarlane of Rossland, who went to England with the First Canadian Contingent and was recently invalided back to Canada, and is now in the Jubilee Hospital, said the morale of troops and civilians alike in the Old Country, is wonderful, and that if Hitler hopes to see the day when he can defeat the British by bombing raids, he must live to be an old, old man.

Gunner McFarlane was "over there" for a year, started for France during that country's dark days last summer, but returned to England before landing when it was seen that conditions there were hopeless. He saw some of the mammoth German air raids in the late summer and early autumn of this year.

"The Spitfires and Hurricanes," he said, "are far superior to any of the German planes that have raided the British Isles. When the Nazis came over in huge swarms, a few British fighters would appear from nowhere and cut through them, outmanoeuvring and outspeeding them. These tactics soon broke up the enemy squadrons, and when in small sections and at the mercy of the R.A.F., they turned tail, speeding back over the water, evidently of the opinion that there's no place like home."

WELL TREATED

The Canadian soldier enthusiastically praised the English people.

"They're grand," he said. "They treat all the Canadian men overseas as if they were their own sons or brothers. Any time at all they will ask you in for tea. I ate Christmas dinner a year ago at the house of an English civilian."

He mentioned that the King and Queen inspected his unit twice during his time there.

"Everybody over there admires them, because they are sticking with the country," he remarked. "They are sharing a common danger with all the other inhabitants of those islands, and the knowledge of this gives the people much added spirit."

He said that the noise of the German "scream bombs" were a bit hard on the nerves when first experienced, but after a short while it got to be routine. Once he and some other men heard

them coming from a long way up, so they immediately ran for the nearest ditch. A stick of five bombs exploded about 100 yards away. All they felt was a light shower of soil.

Continuing his parley on bombs and bombing, Gunner McFarlane said it is possible to walk through miles of London streets without seeing any results of the indiscriminate bombing of the Nazis. One actually has to look purposely for the bomb wreckage to be able to locate it. He spent three nights in a London tube during some of the heavy raids on London. Inmates in this shelter joked and laughed, never got upset or excited, and took the nocturnal underground wait as a matter of course. Even the discovery of a delayed action bomb on top of their shelter in the middle of Piccadilly Circus failed to ruffle the emotions of the inmates as they emerged from their safety spot. This bomb was later removed.

Gunner McFarlane remarked that once when in London he was taken sick and placed in one of the city hospitals. After staying there for a short while he was transferred, one night, to a Cana-



JOINS R.C.A.F.—Ralph Shepherd, well-known and popular Victoria athlete, who left Victoria for the east over the week-end to join the air force. He is the son of Mrs. G. Francis Shepherd of Vancouver and the late Mr. Shepherd. In athletics, Ralph majored in track and field and was also a good basketball player. He received his early education at Boys' Central School and then attended Victoria High School. Recently he has been an active worker in the Victoria High School Alumni.

dian hospital. The next night the hospital which he left received a direct hit from a German bomb.

At the present time Gunner McFarlane is recovering from that illness in the Jubilee Hospital, and says that if he gets the chance, will go back to the Old Country without waste of time.

Urgent Need for More Army Cooks

Cooks are urgently needed by the Canadian active service force in British Columbia. Forty or more men are wanted immediately to enlist for training and service in the service.

A thorough training in cookery, dietetics and catering will be given at the Army School of Cookery to men showing aptitude in the work.

Requirements will be met by men between the ages of 19 and 35 years who are physically fit, in category "A." A high school education will be of particular advantage. Men with previous cooking experience will of course be given preference.

Applicants may apply in writing to the District Recruiting

Officer, Work Point Barracks, or personally to the District Depot Recruiting Office, at Bay Street Armories in Victoria.

Appeal Made for Skilled Tradesmen

Col. Goodman again emphasizes the present demand for skilled tradesmen to complete artillery and ordnance reinforcements, and vacancies in specialized branches of the Engineer units. A brief resume follows giving an idea of the requirements needed for the trades listed:

Artificers, R.C.A.—Men in this class should be skilled machinists and bench fitters, with previous employment in an engineering workshop being essential.

Motor Mechanics—Men must understand general care of motor car; adjust and grind valves; fit any bearing; have thorough knowledge of electrical apparatus and systems, and understand oiling and cooling systems.

Ammunition Examiners—Duties in this branch of the army consist of the care and custody of ammunition and explosives with out supervision, and the preparation of reports and statistics in connection therewith. The standard of education and intelligence is considerably above the average.

Armament Artificer (Instrument)—Men employed at this trade are required to be skilled machinists, familiar with lathe work and bench work, and capable of making delicate parts of small mechanisms.

Armament Fitters—Machine shop experience is very essential here, with the full understanding of bench work and the metal lathe.

Fitters, M.V.—In this trade the candidate must be exceptionally skilled in motor mechanics, capable of scraping bearings, fitting piston rings, measuring and re-boring a cylinder. A knowledge of the metal lathe is also very useful.

Artificers, Armament—A general knowledge of the engineering workshop, the metal lathe and the machinist's bench is of utmost importance.

Coppersmiths—Men employed in this trade must be able to soft solder and braze; bend copper pipes; flange pipe, make cylindrical and conical pipes; repair honeycomb radiators.

Fitters—Two years' previous experience, able to work to a simple sketch or a blue print, in either fractional or decimal system, and to mark off accurately from it, are the requisites in this end of the engineering branch of the service.

Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths—An interesting branch for the experienced worker in tin, brass and other metals used in the manufacture of simple utensils, such as oil cans, small kettles. Whitesmiths must be fully used to the uses of fluxes, different solders and the use of all tools and apparatus in general use, such as soldering bits, blowpipes and blowlamps, and their application to the repairing and making of joints in lead, brass and copper pipes.

ENGINE HANDS (I.C.)—Candidates should have a fair knowledge of the principles of working. Internal combustion engines and be able to take charge of engines and accessories, and carry out all running replacements and adjustments. A good knowledge of steam engines and boilers is also essential.

Bricklayers, masons and electricians are in great demand, and, of course, their requirements are self-explanatory and candidates will be tested accordingly.

Recruits attested for these trades will, of course, receive trades pay according to their knowledge of the trade concerned. The man enlisting with some knowledge of any of these trades, will not only serve his country, but will receive the best training possible which will serve him when he returns to civil life.

Recruiting stations are located in Prince George, Trail, Prince Rupert, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Cranbrook and Kamloops as well as in Victoria and Vancouver. Interested candidates who are not living near these centres may write to the District Recruiting Officer, Military District No. 11, headquarters, Victoria, for offer of service forms.

Veteran Gives \$100

The Prime Minister has recently received the following letter accompanied by a cheque for \$100 from a former Canadian soldier resident in California:

"We have a small savings account at home, and from our small store my wife and I offer you the enclosed cheque for \$100 for Canada's war."

"I am an old disabled Canadian soldier pensioner, nearly 69 years, and too old and crippled up to help very much—but I would like to do more if it were possible to use me."

"We still retain our Canadian citizen status. My dear wife is an invalid, that is why we are here."

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The agreement between Saanich and the Victoria Public Library Board was signed by Reeve A. G. Lambrick on behalf of Saanich and W. T. Strath, M.P.P., chairman on the board, late last week.

By this agreement, which is effective January 2, all residents of the municipality can borrow books from the library on the same basis as residents of the city and Oak Bay do.

All applicants from Saanich must register in person at the library. Saanich Council was given power to enter into an agreement

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Little Theatre Has Jolly Party; Aids Solarium

The Tiny Tims of the Queen Alexandra Solarium will have a second Christmas, as far as gifts of toys and other welcome articles goes, thanks to the members of the Victoria Little Theatre and Dramatic Society who, at the annual Christmas party held at the society's hall, Rockland Avenue, on Saturday evening, contributed generously to this purpose.

Colored pictures of the Solarium shown by Douglas Flintoff, who made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the institution, were followed by the entrance of Santa Claus, piloted by Arthur Kerr, who collected the many beautifully wrapped packages and piled them around the lighted Christmas tree which centred the stage. The resultant pile will be delivered at the Solarium shortly.

Harry J. Davis, the president, welcomed the large audience in a felicitous little speech, prior to the program which was arranged by the president, assisted by Stewart G. Clark and Arthur Kerr and opened with orchestral numbers by the Little Theatre ensemble, conducted by Alfred Prescott.

An amusing and clever playlet, "A Floating Concern," written by a gifted member, Miss Connie Thompson, and produced under the direction of H. J. S. Reynolds, was enthusiastically received. It had the following cast: Florrie, Miss Thompson; Maudie, Mabel Ridley; Gladys, Mary Bartlett; Doris, Noel Cusack; and Bert, H. S. Hurn.

A second dramatic offering included a scene from Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals," under the direction of Mrs. Edith Gibson, who took the role of Mrs. Malaprop; Catherine Craig as Lydia, Vaughan Barker as the father, Norman Tyrrell as Captain Absolute, Mary Bartlett as the cousin, and Mrs. Des Brisay as the maid, Lucy.

A Delibes number was played as a flute duet by Harry J. Davis and Nahdin Young, after which pupils of Dorothy Cox presented a delightful dance revue, those taking part being: Irene Atkins, Beverley Cox, Joy Groves, Buntie Wright, Bernice Atkins, Ann Crowther, Marguerite Spencer, Shirley and Janice Olsen, Garry Richardson, Edith Hodgson, Ena Lovick, Phyllis Anthony, Belle Luscombe and Juliette Riel, with Evelyn Tidbury at the piano; and as a highlight, the dance-comedy skit entitled "The New Sphenograph," presented by the Misses Dorothy and Gwen Cox.

Leslie Lamb operated the spotlight used for various stage lighting effects and Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Lewis had charge of the coffee bar.

Sent Christmas Gifts

A committee of members of the Pro Patria W.A., Canadian Legion, met at the home of Mrs. B. Ripley, 1145 Balmoral Road, to pack parcels for husbands and sons of members away from home. Parcels were sent to England, Ottawa, Ont.; Nova Scotia and Comox; the parcels containing sweaters, socks, scarves and handkerchiefs, cigarettes, etc. Committee in charge were Mrs. M. Cheneff, president; Mrs. B. Ripley, convener; Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. De La Haye.

Airmen Guests at Auxiliary's Tea

Members of the Air Force Auxiliary were hostesses to about 51 men of the Patricia Bay and Western Air Command depots at a drive yesterday afternoon, followed by tea at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Archie W. Smith convoked the attractive program of which Harry Holder was master of ceremonies, Len Acres presided at the piano and numbers were given by Fraser Lister, William Anderson and William Holmes. Group singing and a musical quiz created much amusement.

The program was given in the lower recreation room, after which the hostesses and their guests adjourned to the main lounge where attractive Christmas decorations and a glowing fire enhanced the cozy atmosphere. A delicious tea was served from the prettily-decorated table, girls of the Enterprise Club assisting the hostesses in serving.

Tonight the Y.W.C.A. will entertain the men of the three services at a gala dance at the Shrine auditorium, starting at 8.30. Len Acres and his orchestra will play the latest hits and gay hats, favors and noise-making novelties will add to the festivity.

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ROYAL REUNION—Norway's Crown Prince Olav held a Christmas reunion with his family on a Maryland estate. His wife, Crown Princess Martha, greeted him when he arrived at the Washington, D.C., airport at the end of a journey from England, which included a clipper passage over the Atlantic. With his father, King Haakon, the 37-year-old crown prince has been rallying Norwegians in England to fight at Britain's side. Olav is a general in the Norwegian army. Princess Martha and her three children, above, have been in the United States several months. After spending the Christmas holidays with his family, Olav expects to come to Canada to inspect the training camp of Norwegian naval and military units and royal Norwegian Air Force squadrons. He intends to return to England in "five or six weeks."

Social and Personal

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber returned to Government House today after spending Christmas season quietly at their home in Vancouver. The usual New Year's Day reception will be held at Government House on Wednesday morning from 11 to 1.

Mrs. Cecil French left for the east yesterday to visit her son and his wife in Toronto.

Mrs. C. A. Maury, Seattle, is visiting Victoria this week as a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Laura Davidson of Vancouver and Miss Lillian Hamilton of Medicine Hat are week-end guests at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Mona Jewell has left for Nelson, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cobus for the New Year.

The Bishop of British Columbia and Mrs. Sexton will not hold their usual reception on New Year's Day.

Dr. King Kelly returned to Vancouver last night after spending the last week with his family on Lillian Road.

Mrs. F. E. Lort of Vancouver has returned home after visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyle, Menzies Street.

Yesterday afternoon at her home, "Schuuhum," Rockland Avenue, Miss Kathleen Agnew was "at home" at the tea hour to a few friends.

Miss Anne Brown of Vancouver has returned to the mainland after spending Christmas in Victoria with her aunt, Miss Munie, Johnson Street.

Miss Joy Bullen, St. Patrick Street, who has been visiting in Vancouver with Mr. and Mrs. Percy G. Sills for the Christmas season, returned home this morning.

Mr. Herbert Brown of Vancouver has returned to the mainland after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brown, St. David Street.

Mrs. A. E. Hodgins, Fairfield Road, returned home from Vancouver yesterday afternoon after spending a few days there with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hodgins.

Mrs. Carew Gibson of Vancouver, accompanied by her son and daughter, has returned to their home on the mainland after spending the Christmas season in Victoria.

The many friends of Mrs. William Grant, 304 Bay Street, will be pleased to hear that she has recovered sufficiently from her recent illness at the Jubilee Hospital and has returned home to convalesce.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Blankenbach of Vancouver, who came over to Victoria to spend Christmas with Mr. Blankenbach's father, Mr. F. W. Blankenbach, Verrinder Avenue, and for the Hill-Blankenbach wedding that took place on Saturday, returned home yesterday. Miss Joyce Burrell of New Westminster, who was also here for Christmas and the wedding, has also returned home.

Hollywood Team To Dance Here

Enters and Borgia! Marjorie Enters and Philippe Borgia! They danced at the White House when the King and Queen were there in the early summer of 1939. They will dance at the New Year's Eve ball in the Crystal Ballroom of the Empress Hotel, usher in the new year, 1941, and dance at the tea dance the afternoon of the first day of the new year.

They have danced in Paris, are tops in New York; are acclaimed at the Grove, Hollywood. Their ballroom routines are unique, different. They do the "Jungle Crawl" to the thud of drums "Madam, You Dropped Your Handkerchief" is a flirtation begun with this gentle seductive action and ends in a dance: "April Eve" is a pastoral, gay and light, all about a cane and parasol, and, of course, young love. Dream Tango, Merry Widow Waltz and other dances gain new beauty as danced by Enters and Borgia.

On the same program are merry Jerry Coe and Mary Ann. Jerry is recognized as the leading "swing" accordionist on this continent today. And charming Mary Ann one of the fastest, hottest tap dancers. As an encore number they frequently do a native "jitterbug" dance in African Ubangi costume. They have humor and speed.

The Esquimalt Community Club will hold a Christmas party at St. Paul's tonight at 6. All members and children are asked to attend.

Mrs. Murray Cree (nee Gertrude Hodge), was guest of honor at a coffee party on Sunday morning, given by Mrs. Norman Collins and Miss Hazel Kitt, at the home of Mrs. Collins on Falkland Road.

Mrs. W. Sloan, St. Patrick Street, and her daughter, Miss Barbara Sloan, returned this afternoon from Vancouver where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Sloan's mother, Mrs. D. Macdougall.

A party announcing the engagement of Miss Vera Gibbons, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbons, 1434 Hillside Avenue, to Mr. Albert Marshall, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall, 1431 Hamilton Road, was held on December 26 at St. Alban's Hall. Mr. Marshall is at present home on leave from Halifax, N.S., where he is on active service with the R.C.N. Modern and old-time dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by Mr. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Groves and their son, Rodd. A sit-down supper was served. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hewison, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbons, Mrs. Brundrige, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Misses Audrey Gibbons, Muriel Marshall, Betty Brundrige, Peggy Stanley, Dulcie Hewison, Gladys Webb, Pearl Callen, Betty Rae, June Thorne, Muriel Petherbridge, Irene Davies, Marguerite Anderson, Vera Browning, Ila Jeune, Messrs. Ray Warburton, Jimmy Borden, Morris Hampton, Rodd and Vernon Groves, Bill Hayward, Melvin Brundrige, Gordon McTaggart, Leslie Hinton, Jack Hewison, Howard Stanley, Alec Thorsen and Ken Hampton.

About 80 guests sat down to the Christmas banquet held in Spencer's restaurant on Saturday night under the auspices of the Victoria Ladies' Lawn Bowling Club. Mrs. F. Urquhart, the president, was in the chair, and Mr. F. V. Sellers, vice-president of the men's club, acted as master of ceremonies. Among the toasts that of "The Ladies" was felicitously proposed by Mr. W. M. Halliday, and the president, Mr. H. A. Beckwith, conveyed the greetings of the Victoria Men's Lawn Bowling Club. In the subsequent program solos were rendered by Mrs. F. Hawes and Mrs. Georgina Watt, and humorous recitations were given by Messrs. Harold Beckwith, H. Bullock and J. Morton, the latter recording in verse his tribulations as a beginner in bowling. Community singing was led by Mr. J. H. Delf, who changed some of the popular melodies to bowling themes. Mrs. A. Shotbolt was the piano accompanist of the evening. A number of moving pictures taken on the greens by Jim McMartin last summer were exhibited by Tom McKeachie and Bob Wallace, and caused much amusement. The gathering closed with a patriotic tableau representing the British Empire, with Miss Dobson as Britannia, while the Dominions and possessions were represented by other members of the club. It was accompanied by the singing of "There'll Always Be An England," led by Mrs. Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pollard of Gillespie Place, who have been visiting in the Orient and South America for nearly a year, are spending the holiday season in Trinidad, B.W.I., as the guests of Mr. Pollard's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pacey. They expect to return to their home on Gillespie Place in April.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cameron, formerly of Yokohama, Japan, who have been residing in Mrs. Victor Bartholomew's house, Fort Street, for the last year, left for Vancouver yesterday to make their home in the mainland city. They were accompanied by their three daughters, Mrs. R. Spence, and the Misses Betty and Dallas Cameron, and their grandson, Master Anthony Spence.

Miss N. Sangster and Mrs. J. Laird entertained at their home, 2507 Quadra Street, at a linen shower on Friday evening in compliment to Miss Gladys Reid, a bride-to-be. The rooms were festive with Yuletide decorations. On the arrival of the guest of honor she found her gifts inside

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Those taking part in the dancing under the title of "The Schoolroom Concert Party," were: Rabbits, Diana Sandford, Lois Wilkin, son, Mary Foxall, Jacqueline Browning; duck, Patsy Townsend; ballerina, Iris De Meres; Christmas doll, Diana Colton; mother bunny, Audrey Brown; little girl, Enid Middleton; Dutch dance, Selma McManus, Frances Rogers, Kathleen Spiers, Doreen Buckingham, Diana Colton, Joyce Horsley; tap dance, Betty Spiers; military revue, Iris Brooks, Audrey Brown and Enid Middleton.

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Bombs Change London Menus But Still Plenty of Food

If you dropped in a British restaurant today you would find that although the menu has been sharply reduced there is still plenty of food, despite Hitler's "total" warfare.

By MILO M. THOMPSON,
Associated Press Staff Writer
Do not send food packages to Britain.

You will annoy the Ministry of Shipping and probably embarrass the recipient. He may be questioned on the theory he is trying to circumvent the rationing laws and the chances are he'll have to pay more to get your package out of customs and inspection than he'd have to pay for twice its equivalent in British foods.

Restaurant menus are not what they used to be, but here is one which will serve to illustrate the present situation. It comes from a place catering to the newspapermen of the Fleet Street area. (Prices have been converted to the Canadian equivalent.)

Consomme brunoise .09; pea soup .09.
Filets of plaice .44; fried whiting, tartar sauce, .46.
Vienna steak with braised celery .40.
Chop, toad-in-the-hole .44.
Baked cod, lobster sauce, .46.
Sausages and mashed potatoes .33.
Roast mutton, red currant jelly, .46.
Cabbage .09; boiled, mashed or saute potatoes .09.
Plum tart .14; suet roll and marmalade .14.
Soft roes on toast .20; Welsh rarebit .14.
Toasted cheese .14; club toast .20; sardines on toast .14.
Coffee .07.

This is a typical menu and, if one studied it, eloquent of the food situation. While it indicates no serious want, it also shows what rationing and bombs have done to the food situation.

In prewar days there were half-a-dozen soups on this menu, several of them ready to serve. Today only the pea soup is freshly made. The consomme is canned and you wait 10 minutes for its heating. Uncertainty of gas pressure and a limited number of emergency oil burners lead to making as few commitments as possible in this section.

Before war's crimp in offerings, at least 10 or 12 fish dishes

were available, including Dover sole, Scotch salmon and the inevitable broiled herring.

And if you chose, you could have fish, followed by entree and then by roast. Today, under Ministry of Food orders, you can be served only one such dish, whether fish or meat.

The abbreviated entree list of these days is notable for its avoidance of scarce and rationed foods and its use of left-overs. The Vienna steak is a pat of ground meat from yesterday's roast. It is cooked like a hamburger steak, but is more like a croquette in the eating.

The toad-in-the-hole is a braised lamb chop without bone, pressed into a mound of mashed potatoes and splashed with gravy. Sometimes this has an underlayer of pastry.

Sausages are not rationed. They are of limited meat content, and you get two broiled ones with your potatoes. Egg dishes have disappeared from the entree list.

Time was when you had several roasts to choose from. Now you have no choice, but nearly always you find one roast offered.

The omission of grilled meats show how wary the restaurant is of pledging its kitchen burners. Frequently, however, a mixed grill or rump steak is on the list.

The vegetable assortment has shrunk from six to eight to two. One is always potatoes and the other some kind of greens like cabbage, brussels sprouts or spinach.

The list of hot desserts has been cut in half, but one can choose one of the standard cold dishes, like wine gelatin or fruit trifle, but there will be no cream to pour over it now.

The present list of savories is the standard one. It will probably endure while cheese, canned herring roe and canned sardines are available.

And it is always possible to call for cheese and biscuits, or to have an apple or pear. The once-available French, Netherlands, Swiss and Italian cheese are gone. So are the tropical fruits.

The offering of only one hot beverage is another indication of the uncertain gas situation. Sometimes we have to take coffee with milk in it, because that is the way it has been prepared. Usually a glass of milk is available, however.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Farrell, 709 Connaught Street, announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Lorna, to Mr. John Kirk, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirk, 1616 Belmont Avenue, Victoria. The wedding will take place on January 7.

WEDDINGS

EMERY-HUNDLEBY

One of the prettiest weddings of the holiday season drew a large congregation to Belmont United Church on Saturday evening at 8.30 when Mona Grace, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frederick Emery, Gladstone Avenue, became the bride of Louisa Roy Hundleby, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hundleby, 1745 Davie Street.

Rev. Bryce Wallace performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. James Hood of Esquimalt United Church, an old family friend. Cedar boughs, poinsettias and tall baskets of white chrysanthemums made a lovely setting for the ceremony, and the guest pews were marked by white bows.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a floor-length gown of white embossed organza-de-sole over tulle, with sweetheart neckline, buttoned with self-covered buttons to the low waistline at the back, and long sleeves with pointed cuffs over the wrist. Her finger-tip veil fell in points from a headpiece of orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink daisy chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Russell Fitzsimmons, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, wearing a floor-length, full-skirted gown of ciel blue chenille organza, with gathered sweetheart neckline, and fastened with covered buttons at the back, with matching velvet bow and streamers. Her Mary Queen of Scots headpiece was of ciel blue net, and she wore silver slippers, and blue lace mittens, and carried an arm bouquet of rose daisy chrysanthemums. Miss Irene Scoble, the bridesmaid, was in a floor-length, bouffant frock of orchid printed organdie, with Peter Pan collar, bishop sleeves, and a shepherdess hat in orchid trimmed with darker velvet ribbon. She wore silver slippers and carried an arm bouquet of apricot chrysanthemums. Mr. Rex Hundleby supported his brother-in-law, Messrs. Maurice Hundleby and Douglas Bailey were ushers.

Many guests were welcomed by the bride's parents at their home, 1563 Gladstone Avenue, after the ceremony. Mrs. Emery receiving in a floor-length jacket dress of queen's blue lace, with navy accessories, assisted by Mrs. Hundleby in a floor-length gown of royal blue cut velvet, with matching accessories. Both wore corsage bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The supper table was covered with a lace cloth and centred with the two-tiered pale pink wedding cake, which was topped by a silver vase of pink bouvardia, and surrounded by pale pink tulle and pink tapers in silver holders. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Emery, Miss Violet Finlay and Miss Barbara Ferris, all of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Hundleby left on the midnight boat for the mainland, the bride donning a rust bunny wool dress, green fitted coat, with brown fur and brown suede accessories, and a corsage of gold chrysanthemums. They will reside on their return in their new home at 3261 Doncaster Drive.

KERR-ROGERS
White chrysanthemums, holly and evergreens were arranged in St. Mark's Church for the wedding on Saturday evening at 8.30 of Miss Margaret Rogers, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirby, 120 Gorge Road West, to Gunner William Kerr, 58th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr of Makinson, Arrow Lakes, B.C. Rev. O. L. Jull conducted the ceremony and Mrs. F. W. R. Moore was at the organ.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. J. Peacock, and wore an afternoon frock of heavenly blue silk crepe, with a white picture hat trimmed with a pink rose, and white accessories. She carried a bouquet of white and pink carnations, and her only ornament was a wrist watch, the gift of the groom.

Miss Florence Kerr of Makinson, sister of the groom, wearing an afternoon dress of harvest wine silk crepe, with cut velvet bodice and navy felt hat and accessories, and Miss Edna Jones, in a frock of wine silk crepe, with hat and accessories to match, were bridesmaids, both wearing corsage bouquets of pink carnations. Mr. Ernest Jones supported the bridegroom and Mr. Herbert Botten acted as usher.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Kirby receiving in an afternoon gown of black silk crepe with long sheer sleeves, a black hat and a corsage of pink carnations. Supper was served from a table covered with a lace cloth and centred with the four-tier wedding cake, flanked by pale pink tapers in silver holders. The rooms were arranged with pink and yellow chrysanthemums.

CORMACK-HENDERSON
The marriage of Daisy Susan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Henderson, Blenkinsop Rd., formerly of Winnipeg, and Mr. Charles H. Cormack, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. Cormack, Wick, Scotland, took place in St. Aidan's United Church on December 27 at 8 p.m. Rev. T. G. Griffiths officiating. Mrs. Griffiths played the wedding music. Shaggy white chrysanthemums augmented the Yuletide decorations, and were also tied with white tulle to the guest pews.

An afternoon dress of aquamarine crepe with black accessories, and a corsage bouquet of Talisman roses and white heather was worn by the bride who was given away by her father. There were no attendants.

About 20 guests were entertained at dinner later at the Royal Oak Inn at a table centred with the cake and decorated with white carnations. The party was piped from the reception hall to the dining-room to the strains of "The Road to the Isles" by Miss Jessie Pollock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cormack left for the mainland at midnight, the bride wearing an Oxford-grey tailored suit with a silver fox fur and black accessories. They will make their home in Winnipeg, stopping off at Calgary for a brief visit en route.

The bride's cousin, Mrs. George Saunders, Vancouver, was a guest at the wedding.

SINCLAIR-BERGSTROM
At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. Hill, Coronation Avenue, Duncan, Thursday afternoon, the marriage was solemnized of Marge Albertina, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bergstrom, and George W., only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Sinclair, Victoria. Rev. E. Barnes was the officiating clergyman.

The bride wore a dress of Queen's blue chenille lace, with matching accessories, and corsage bouquet of snapdragons and carnations in golden shades, mixed with white heather. She was attended by Miss Beatrice Pilon, Vancouver, wearing a gown in sr. Alexandra blue shade, and Mrs. Hill, also in blue, acted as matron of honor. Mr. Robert Jones, Victoria, was best man.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held, and the young couple left for a short honeymoon on the mainland. On their return they will make their home on Lasqueti Island.

DOHERTY-JAMES
The marriage took place on December 21 in Knox United Church, Manse, Trail, Rev. M. W. Lees officiating, between Vera Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. James, Victoria, and Mr. John Robert Doherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Doherty, Gladstone Avenue, Victoria.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Mae Doherty, mother of the bridegroom, and the best man was Mr. G. Fennel Le Fluffy. The bride wore a gown of crushed rose crepe with metallic trim, and black velvet hat and accessories. Her corsage bouquet was of red roses. Mrs. Doherty wore a blue lace gown with black accessories, and her corsage bouquet was composed of white chrysanthemums.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the young couple's apartment on Oak Street, where refreshments were served. Mrs. Jenkins assisting. The table was arranged with pink chrysanthemums and the wedding cake held the place of honor on the table. Mr. James Mark, of the company store, on behalf of the staff, of which the groom is a member, presented the young couple with a Kenwood blanket.

FRANCIS-GODFREY
At the Pentecostal Tabernacle on Saturday evening at 8.30, the marriage of Rev. Ernest Arthur Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Francis, 542 Ellice Street, to Shirley Lonne, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Robert Godfrey, Yorkton, Sask., and Mrs. Godfrey, 207 Government Street, was solemnized by Rev. E. W. Robinson in a setting of chrysanthemums. Miss N. Wheeler played the wedding marches, and during the signing of the register the choir sang "Love Divine."

The bride was given away by her mother, and wore a gown of ivory satin with a train and long sleeves, and a veil falling from a wreath of orange blossoms. In place of the conventional bouquet, she carried a Bible.

Miss Grace Godfrey was maid of honor, wearing a frock of rose taffeta, and Miss Kathleen Gray was bridesmaid in lavender taffeta. The junior bridesmaid was the bridegroom's sister, Miss Ruby Francis, in a pale blue taffeta frock, and all wore floral doll hats to match their gowns and carried sheaves of white chrysanthemums. The bride's six-year-old sister, Jean Godfrey, was flower girl in a long frock of green taffeta and a matching bow in her hair and carried a colonial posy. Mr. Harry Francis supported his brother and Mr. Alfred Francis and Mr. Ralph Meeks were ushers.

A reception was held in the K. of P. Hall, during which the bridal couple stood beneath a floral arch and bell. Mrs. Godfrey was gowned in violet velvet with a matching hat and a corsage bouquet of white carnations, and Mrs. Francis was in air force blue with accessories en suite, and a corsage bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. Howard Gay played piano solos during the evening, and a buffet supper was served from a table centred with the cake.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis will live in Princeton, B.C.

BRYNJOLFSON-WILLIAMS

Two well-known young people were united at the pretty ceremony in St. John's Church on Saturday evening at 8.30 when Irene Kathleen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, 1244 Oscar Street, became the bride of Clarence Thorburn Brynjolfson, youngest son of Mrs. E. Brynjolfson and the late Mr. Brynjolfson, 355 Walter Avenue. Rev. George Biddle officiated and Mr. Ian Galliford was at the organ.

The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. L. Shaw, and wore a graceful, floor-length gown of hush blue crepe, with long-sleeved jacket, and metallic embroidered saddle pockets, with a turban hat of matching material. She carried a cascade bouquet of pink and mauve chrysanthemums, violets and carnations.

Miss Phyllis Williams was her sister's bridesmaid, in a charming floor-length frock of whisper pink crepe, with long-sleeved jacket ornamented with gold quilting. Her metallic turban was trimmed with flowers in pink and blue tones, and she carried a bouquet of peach chrysanthemums, with touches of blue. Harold Brynjolfson supported his brother, and Mr. Cleaver Wilson, the usher.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. L. Shaw, 1312 Victoria Avenue, where white chrysanthemums and Christmas decorations were used throughout the rooms. Mrs. Williams received in a gown of soldier blue crepe, with hat to match, assisted by the bridegroom's mother, wearing a smart black gown and hat. Both wore corsage bouquets of carnations.

THE WEATHER
VICTORIA, 5 a.m. today—A moderate disturbance is centred off the Washington coast and pressure is relatively high over the Yukon district. The weather continues unsettled and mild over the interior of British Columbia where light snow and rain is reported. It is moderately cold in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, max. 44, min. 37; wind, 4 miles S.; cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.81; temperature, max. 44, min. 36; wind, 5 miles E.; fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.67; temperature, max. 38, min. 29; wind, 2 miles N.; precip. .23; clear. San Francisco—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, max. 60, min. 52; wind, 15 miles N.W.; precip. .83; cloudy.

Max. Min.
Victoria 44 37
Nanaimo 43 35
Vancouver 44 36
New Westminster 44 36
Prince Rupert 40 36
Dawson 3 26
Seattle 43 39
Portland 40 32
San Francisco 60 52
Kamloops 38 29
Prince George 34 19
Kelowna 36 32
Penticton 38 24
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Lodge Princess Alexandra, Daughters of England, will meet on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. F. G. Bridges, district deputy, will make her official visit to install the new officers.

To replace tin, boxes of iron plates covered with special enamel are being made in Budapest.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Wilfred Barnett Bond, the bride was wearing a daytime frock of waterfall blue bunny wool with a matching turban styled with a shoulder length veil. Her arm bouquet was of sweetheart roses and bouvardia.

Miss Doris Bond was bridesmaid for her sister, wearing a petal blue crepe frock with a matching toned hat. Her corsage was of American Beauty roses. Mr. Harry Angers was best man for the groom.

A supper was held at the Chau-



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Telephone Hour—KOMO, KPO.
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With the Troops—CJR.
King Arthur Jr.—KJR, KGO at 8:15.

5:30
Bud Barton—KJR.
News—KGO.
Canadian Grenadiers Band—CJR.
Adventures—KOL.
Concert Hall—CJR.
Jack Armstrong—KOMO, KPO at 5:45.
Tom Mix—KJR, KGO at 5:45.
Bob Garrett's News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 5:45.
Captain Midnight—KOL at 5:45.
Emer Davis News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 5:55.

6
Doctor I.Q.—KOMO, KPO.
Radio Theatre—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR.
Fulton Lays—KOL.
Tillamook Club—CJR.
News—KJR at 6:15.
Sports Review—CJR at 6:15.

6:30
Show Boat—KOMO, KPO.
News—KJR, KGO.
John Hughes—KOL.
Novelty—CJR.
News—KGO at 6:45.
Easy Aces—CJR at 6:45.

7
Contented Program—KOMO, KPO.
Lombard's Orchestra—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
News—CJR.
H. W. Van Loon—KOL.
Leslie Howard—CJR at 7:15.
News—KOL at 7:15.
Light Up and Listen—CJR at 7:15.

7:30
Burns and Allen—KOMO, KPO.
Blondie—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
BBC News—KOL.
Lone Ranger—KOL.
Reveries—CJR.
Carson Robinson—CJR at 7:45.

8
Fred Waring—KOMO, KPO.
Amos 'n' Andy—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Woodhouse and Hawkins—CJR.
Chicago Tonight—KOL.
News—CJR.
John Nesbitt—KGO at 8:15.
Lanny Ross—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 8:15.
Vox Pop—CJR at 8:15.

8:30
Point Sublime—KOMO, KPO.
I Love a Mystery—KJR, KGO.
Pipe Smoking Time—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Battle of Britain—CJR.
Double or Nothing—KOL.
Hockey—CJR.
Bob Trout's News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 8:55.

9
True or False—KJR, KGO.
Those We Love—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
News—KOL.

9:30
Hawthorne House—KOMO, KPO.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, KJR.
Songs of Empire—CJR.
Boake Carter—KOL.

10
News—KOMO, KPO, KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Hawthorne House—CJR.

Headliners Tonight

5:00—Telephone Hour—KOMO, KPO.
6:00—Doctor I.Q.—KOMO, KPO.
6:00—Radio Theatre—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR.
6:30—Show Boat—KOMO, KPO.
7:00—Contented Program—KOMO, KPO.
7:15—Leslie Howard—CJR.
7:30—Burns and Allen—KOMO, KPO.
7:30—Blondie—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
8:00—Woodhouse and Hawkins—CJR.
8:30—Battle of Britain—CJR.
9:00—True or False—KJR, KGO.
9:00—Those We Love—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
9:30—Hawthorne House—KPO, KOMO.

News
5:30—KGO; 5:45—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 5:55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 6:15—KJR; 6:30—KJR, KGO; 6:45—KGO; 7:00—CJR, KOL; 8:55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 9:00—KOL; 9:30—KIRO, KNX, KVI, KJR; 10:00—KOMO, KPO, KIRO, KNX, KVI; 10:15—KIRO, CBR; 10:30—CJR; 10:45—KOL; 11:00—KJR, KGO, KNX; 11:30—CJR; 11:45—KOL; 11:55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 11:57—KOMO, KJR.

Wake Up, America—KOL.
Charles Hovey—CJR.
News—KIRO, CBR at 10:15.

10:30
Music by Woodbury—KOMO, KPO.
Swartout's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.
With the Troops—CJR.
News—CJR.
News—KOL at 10:45.
Melody in the Night—CJR at 10:45.

11
Foster's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO, CBR.
News—KJR, KGO, KNX.
Jones' Orchestra—KIRO, KVI.
Chicago Concert—KOL.
Gordon's Orchestra—CJR.
Paul Carson—KJR at 11:15.

11:30
Marshall's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.
News—CJR.
Heatherton's Orchestra—CJR.
Christmas Music—KOMO, KPO at 11:45.
News—KOL at 11:45.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 11:55.
News—KOMO, KPO at 11:57.

Tomorrow
7:30
News—KJR, KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR.
Breakfast Club—KJR, KGO.
Musical Minutes—CJR at 7:35.

Sam Hayes—KOMO, KPO at 7:45.
Morning Devotions—CJR at 7:45.
News—CJR at 7:45.

8
News—CJR, CJOJ.
Neighbors of Woodbury—KOL.
Against the Storm—KOMO, KPO at 8:15.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 8:15.
Clark Dennis—CJR at 8:15.
Ranch Boys—CJOJ at 8:15.

8:30
Just Between Friends—KJR, KGO.
Goldberg's—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Music—CJR.
Breakfast Club—CJOJ.
Lyle Henderson—CJR, CBR at 8:45.
News—KGO at 8:45.
Kathleen Norris—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 8:45.

9
News—KJR, CBR.
Home Forum—KGO.
Katie Smith—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
The O'Neill—KOMO, KPO at 9:15.
Shut-ins—CJR.
When a Girl Marries—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 9:15.
Tropical Moods—CJOJ at 9:15.

9:30
National Home Hour—KJR, KGO.
Helen Trent—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Richardson's Orchestra—CJR.
Kitty Keene—CJOJ.
International Kitchen—KPO at 9:45.
Cal Sunday—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 9:45.
Gospel Singers—CJOJ at 9:45.

10
Life Can Be Beautiful—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Happy Gang—CJR.
John Hughes—KOL.
Nova Time—CJOJ.
Woman in White—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 10:15.
Hollywood—KOL at 10:15.
Modern Kitchen—CJOJ at 10:15.

10:30
Masters' Orchestra—KOMO, KPO, CBR.
Our Spiritual Life—KJR, KGO.
International Kitchen—KPO, KNX, KVI.
Peter McGregor—CJOJ.
Johnson Family—KOL.
Dr. Kate—KOMO, KPO at 10:45.
News—KJR, KGO, CJOJ, KIRO at 10:45.
Mary Lee Taylor—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 10:45.
Children's Children—KOL at 10:45.

11
Hymns of All Churches—KOMO, KPO.
Our Half Hour—KJR, KGO.
Big Sale—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR, CJOJ.
Friedly Neighbors—KOL.
A Grimm's Daughter—KOMO, KPO, 11:15.
Aunt J. J.'s Stories—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 11:15.
Dr. Susan—CJR, CJOJ at 11:15.

11:30
Valiant Lady—KOMO, KPO.
Fleischel—Wiley—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
U.S. Army Band—CJR, KGO.
Singer Sam—CJOJ.
Light of World—KOMO, KPO at 11:45.
My Son and I—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 11:45.
Hint Hunter—CJOJ at 11:45.

12
Mary Martin—KOMO, KPO.
Orphans of Divorce—KJR, KGO.
Martha Weaver—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
B.C. Farm—CJR.
News—KOL.
Speaker's Time—CJOJ.
Ma Perkins—KOMO, KPO at 12:15.
Honeycomb Hill—KJR, KGO at 12:15.

12:30
Pepper Young—KOMO, KPO.
John's Other Wife—KJR, KGO.
Katie Hopkins—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
News—CJR, CJOJ.
Vic and Sade—KOMO, KPO at 12:45.
Finn Hill—KJR, KGO at 12:45.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 12:45.
Musical—CJR at 12:45.
Frolic—CJOJ at 12:45.

1
Backstage Wife—KOMO, KPO.
Mother O'Mine—KJR, KGO.
Portia Blake—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Classics—KOL.

Man I Married—CJOJ.
Stella Dallas—KOMO, KPO at 1:15.
News—KGO at 1:15.
Myrt and Marge—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 1:15.
Que's Notebook—CJOJ at 1:15.

1:30
Lorenzo Jones—KOMO, KPO.
Hilltop House—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Handstand—CJR.
Widder Brown—KOMO, KPO at 1:45.
Supper—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 1:45.
Our Nearest Hour—CJR at 1:45.
Studio Party—CJOJ at 1:45.

2
Girl Alone—KOMO, KPO.
Stocks—CJR.
Lone Journey—KOMO, KPO at 2:15.

2:30
Guiding Light—KOMO, KPO.
Popular Songs—CJR.
Life Can Be Beautiful—KOMO, KPO, 2:45.
Wayne Van Dyke—KJR, KGO at 2:45.
Waterfront—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 2:45.
News—CJR, CJOJ at 2:45.

3
American Science Assn.—KOMO, KPO.
Linda Dale—KJR, KGO.
Dr. Malone—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Questions of the Hour—CJR.
News—KOL.
Life Can Be Beautiful—CJOJ.
Irene Wicker—KJR, KGO at 3:15.
Hilda Hopper—KIRO, KVI at 3:15.
Popular Songs—CJR at 3:15.

3:30
Ma Perkins—CJOJ at 3:15.
Kvrt—KPO, KJR, KGO at 3:15.

3:30
Streamlined Journal—KJR, KGO.
Joyce Jordan—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
These United States—CJR.
Pepper Young—CJOJ.
World Today—KIRO, KVI at 3:45.
Recital—CJR at 3:45.
Night to Happiness—CJOJ at 3:45.

4
Second Wife—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Music You Like—CJR.
Fulton Lays—KOL.
Road of Life—CJOJ.
European Situation—KOMO, KPO at 4:15.
Famous Voice—CJOJ at 4:15.
Ma Perkins—KOL at 4:15.
News—CJOJ at 4:15.

4:30
Miller's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.
Second Husband—KIRO, KVI.
News—KNX.
Say It With Music—CJR.
Woman in White—CJOJ.
H. V. Kallenborn—KOMO at 4:45.
Famous Voice—CJOJ at 4:45.
Wilson Woodside—CJR at 4:45.

4:30
CFCT, VICTORIA—1,450 Kilocycles—TONIGHT.
5:00—Monitor.
5:10—Frolic.
5:45—Birthdays.
6:30—News.
6:45—Music.
7:00—Chimney Corner.

4:30
7:15—Sophie Michas.
7:30—Ambulance Corps.
7:45—Dance.
8:00—Candlelight.

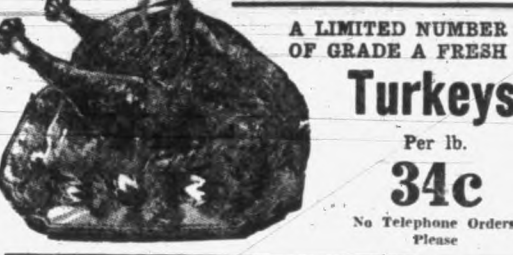
TOMORROW
7:30—Tawn Fair.
8:15—News.
8:30—Chronometer.
9:00—Classics.
9:30—Pinches.
9:45—Concert.
10:00—Scrapbook.
10:30—Features.
11:00—Empire Salute.
11:30—Music.
12—Intermission.

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LYON'S COCKTAIL MIXERS, assorted, 8-oz. bottle	35c	DUNCAN'S GINGER ALE, 12-oz. bottle	57c
	16-oz. bottle	CHEVY CHASE GINGER ALE, 12-oz. bottle	1.69

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McINTOSH'S GAFFY TOFFEE, assorted, 1-lb. box	29c	PEER PREPARED DAY BY DAY ASSORTED BISCUITS, No. 4 tin	1.65
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PLUM PUDDING, for New Year's, each	50c	12-inch pair	20c
DECORATED IMPERIAL FRUIT CAKE, with almond paste, lb.	45c	12-inch pair	25c
AYLMER KENTUCKY WONDER CUT GREEN BEANS, 17-oz. tin	23c	18-inch pair	30c
AYLMER PEAS, size 2, 17-oz. tin	23c		
5x 17-oz. tins	3 for 29c		
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GREEN PEAS, 2 1/2-lb. carton	55c	CALLIFLOWER, garden fresh, each	20c and 25c
ASPARAGUS TIPS, carton	45c	SWEET POTATOES, 3 lbs.	25c
STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, CHERRIES or LOGAN, 15-oz. carton	23c	ONIONS, No. 1	6 lbs. 25c
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TOMATO SOUP		Campbell's	3 tins 24c
TOMATO CATCHUP, Clark's, 13-oz. bottles	2 for 25c	PEACHES, Lynn Valley, 16-oz. tins	2 for 23c
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VICTORIA-SIDNEY	
NEW YEAR'S DAY—Wednesday, January 1—Wednesday service, with 11:15 p.m. replacing 9:15 p.m. from Victoria.	
SALT SPRING ISLAND—Regular scheduled service throughout New Year holiday period.	
DEEP COVE—Regular scheduled service throughout New Year holiday period.	
VICTORIA-WEST SAANICH	
NEW YEAR'S DAY—Wednesday, January 1—Sunday service, with 11:15 p.m. replacing 10:15 p.m. from Victoria.	
KEATING-OLD WEST ROAD—No service January 1.	
VICTORIA-SOOKE-JORDAN RIVER	
NEW YEAR'S EVE—Tuesday, December 31—Regular service, plus 6:30 p.m. from Jordan River.	
NEW YEAR'S DAY—Wednesday, January 1—Lv. Victoria 9:30 p.m. only.	
SAANICH URBAN LINES	
GORGE LAKE HILL; BURNSIDE; New Year's Day, January 1—Holiday service.	
DOUGLAS-AGNES-RALPH	
GORDON HEAD; CADBORO BAY—Regular weekday service on January 1.	
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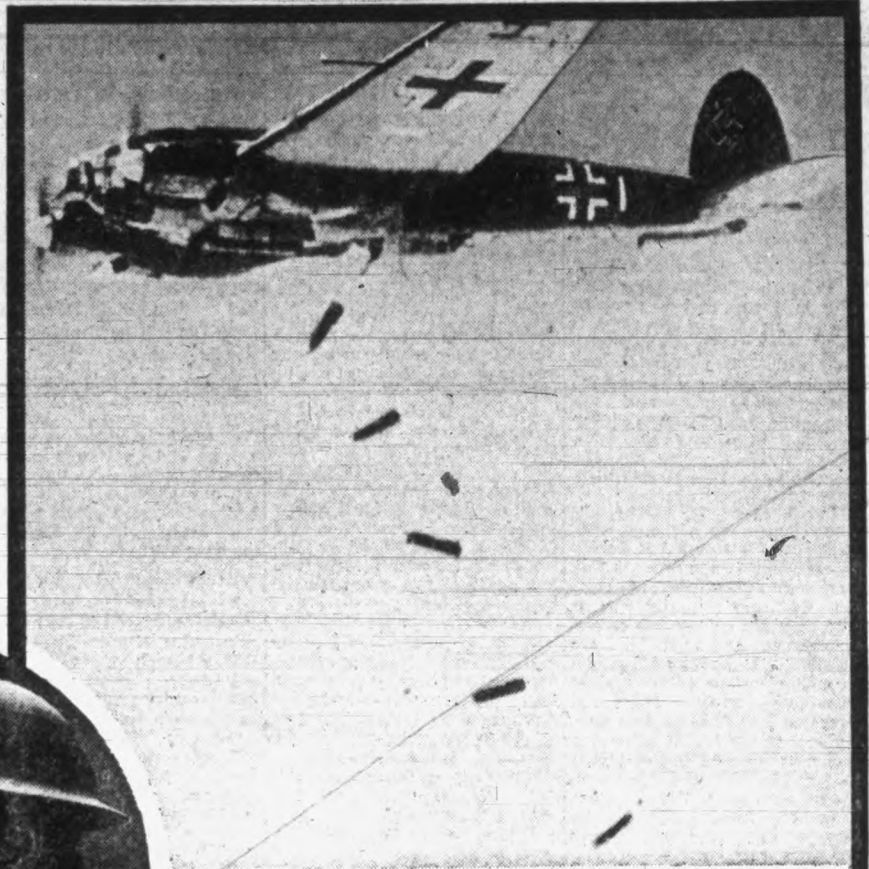
FINLAND saw peace come to her brave people after war with Russia.



NORWAY watched swastika wave above towns when Hitler made grab.



HOLLAND fell as Germans mopped up low country aided by Fifth Column.



DUNKIRK was a military miracle for British, with evacuation of 335,000 troops.



CHURCHILL

was the man of the year, taking over British war effort to foil German hopes for invasion of the island fortress.

BOMBS

fell by thousands onto beleaguered London, left historic St. Paul's surrounded by mass of wreckage. But city carried on, was standing resolute at year's end.



FRANCE fell in ruins as vastly better equipped, better trained Germans smashed across northern part of nation, turned Maginot-Line to bring Marshal Petain's surrender in June.



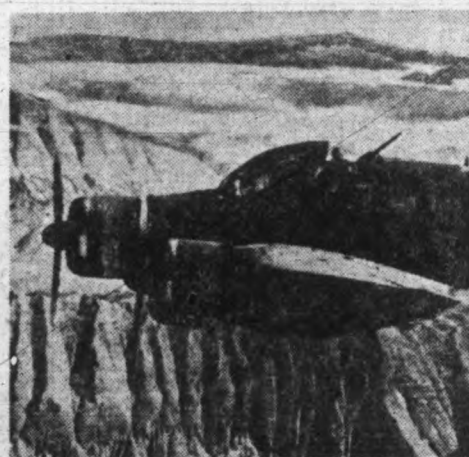
BELGIUM sent refugees by millions into France to escape Germans. But many did not escape.



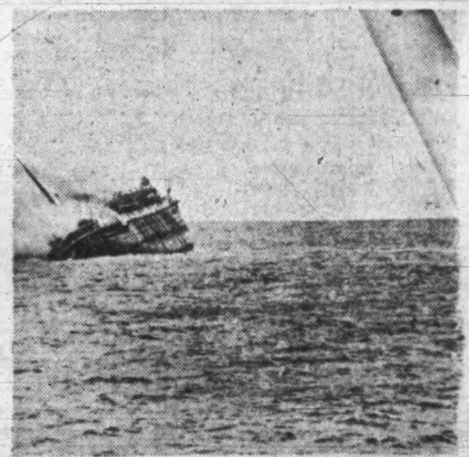
BERLIN got return bombings from British that brought war home to unsuspecting capital of the reich.



ITALY went into war, launched hostilities in desert, bogged down against British.



GREECE saw Fascist bombers over her mountains, chased invader out.



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ROME (AP) — The Ministry of Agriculture announced late today it was drafting new rationing regulations to be issued soon, without indicating whether changes were contemplated in the amounts of rationed foods.

The announcement was made in advising consumers on procedure for obtaining the present rations for the first half of January.

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5th Youngsters Enjoy Big Party

Children of soldiers of the 5th B.C. Coast Brigade, R.C.A.C.A.S.F., had the time of their young lives Saturday afternoon at the Fort Street Hostess House when Santa Claus visited them and presented each with a gift from a giant, lighted, tinsel-draped Christmas tree.

The excellent program, the 12th of its kind, was again ably arranged by past staff sergeant E. S. (Teddy) Blair, who was assisted by Mrs. Blair, Mrs. F. W. Bridge, Mrs. Fred Davidson, Mrs. Tommy Ross and Mrs. W. Kroeger. Every detail was perfectly arranged and the 200 youngsters who were invited said the party was one of the best of the holiday season.

The band of the 5th B.C. Coast Brigade, N.P.A.M., under bandmaster Charles Raines, opened the program and carols were sung by the children, under the direction of Sergeant Blair.

Lieut. Col. Vincent McKenna, M.C., officer commanding the 5th, attended by Capt. Alfred Hood, was present and wished everyone a happy day and the joys of the Christmas season. Major-General R. O. Alexander, G.O.C., Pacific defence area, attended with Mrs. Alexander.

William Harkness thrilled the youngsters when he pulled rabbits from hats and performed other mystifying tricks. Pupils of Miss Betty Clair staged a splendid performance of dances and songs, those taking part being Vivian Nottley, Joan Hume, Dorcen McManus and Joan Bradley, who gave a sailor's hornpipe; Enid Middleton, Iris Brooks, who did an acrobatic dance; Audrey Brown, a song and tap dance; Iris Demeers, a ballet number, and all the girls appeared in the finale, which was a striking military revue. Jerry Schofield was at the piano.

A jovial Santa Claus, in the person of Ernie Impett, presented the gifts to the children, who then, wearing gay paper hats on their heads, enjoyed cake and ice cream and other delicacies, while their parents had tea.

An era is longer than a period in the earth's geologic calendar. Saws were used in Egypt several thousand years before the birth of Christ.

TOWN TOPICS

In City Police Court today \$32 was collected in fines. Two pedestrians who failed to obey traffic signals were fined \$1 each. Six motorists paid \$2.50 each for parking infractions; a chauffeur who failed to have a current license, \$5; one motorist, \$10 for speeding.

E. W. Davies, 214 Menzies Street, reported to police that at 4.45 yesterday afternoon his daughter, aged two, crossing Fort Street between Douglas and Blanshard Streets, was knocked down by a street car going west on Fort. She had a graze above the right temple and her eye and upper lip were cut.

John H. Benton, 647 Moss Street, reported to city police that at 7.55 Saturday night his car struck Margaret Irwin, 428 Superior Street, while she was crossing Pandora Avenue. First aid was rendered at the police station, following which Miss Irwin was taken to Jubilee Hospital. Dr. D. M. Baillie is attending her.

Sheldon Eugene Mooney, who pleaded guilty to a charge of being in the dwelling of John Greenwood, Sidney, on the night of December 21, with intent to steal, was sentenced to six months at hard labor by Judge H. H. Shandley in County Court today. W. B. Colvin appeared for the Crown. The accused was not defended.

Mrs. T. A. Waterworth, 192 Bushby Street, suffered injuries yesterday when a car driven by her husband overturned on the Island Highway near Langford railway crossing. The car caught on the shoulder of the road and turned over. The body of the machine was badly damaged. Mrs. Waterworth escaped injury. Mrs. and Miss Waterworth are being attended for shock and injuries at the Jubilee Hospital.

A compound fracture of the kneecap and lacerations were sustained by Muriel Jarvis, 2675 Windsor Road, in an automobile accident Saturday night. The car in which she was riding, driven by Aircraftman Edgar Price, Patricia Bay, collided with a stone wall at St. Charles Street and Rockland Avenue. The driver and two other passengers were not hurt. Miss Jarvis was taken to Jubilee Hospital.

Now that Christmas is over a number of children are looking forward to a trip to the dolls' house which Col. Broome, the maker and designer, is exhibiting at the Union building, corner of View and Government Streets, in aid of the fund for British children who have been rendered homeless by Nazi bombings. This fascinating exhibit will be on view all day tomorrow from 10 until 5.30, and again from Thursday until the end of next week.

SAILOR'S DEATH WAS ACCIDENT

At an inquest this morning at Thomson's Funeral Home, a coroner's jury under E. C. Hart absolved Albert J. Temple, R.C.N., of blame in connection with the death of Lorne Russell, 319 David Street, Saanich.

A member of the Naval Volunteer Reserve, Russell died on the way to hospital after being struck by Mr. Temple's car on Admirals Road on the night of December 23.

Mr. Temple said he swung out to the middle of the road to avoid two women and a man and struck Russell before he had time to get back. Because of poor visibility he did not notice Russell until he was a few feet from him.

Members of the jury were: J. Witte, foreman; C. S. Reaugh, J. Foster, J. A. Richardson, G. Ganner and E. Queale.

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City Fire Losses Lowest On Record

Victoria today recorded its lowest fire loss year since records were started in 1910 and Fire Chief Alex Munroe gave credit for the enviable showing to the efficiency of the inspection system and the co-operation of citizens and business men.

Property damage from fire this year was restricted to \$13,594.43, a figure well under the previous record of 1918, when the total was \$14,896.

December losses up to today amounted to only \$235.45. During the same month last year the total was \$1,917.75 and the aggregate for 1939 was listed at \$68,072.

Largest fire of the current year was the \$1,365 blaze in the Allan Waste Paper Factory on Store Street.

The figures were in great contrast to the peak year of 1910 when losses rose to \$397,241, or the second largest in 1922 when the loss was \$343,479.

Chief Munroe wished in no way to detract from the efficiency of the local fire department, which he feels is second to none for a town of Victoria's size on the continent, but he was exceptionally well pleased with the manner in which the public generally is treating the fire question.

PRaises PUBLIC

"The people are fire-protection conscious now. They are avoiding as far as possible the careless conditions which have been the source of major outbreaks in former years and with the maintenance of that policy we look forward to continued low

losses. Destruction by fire can never be entirely eliminated and the amount of harm done is largely a matter of chance. However, with the department functioning as it is and with the citizens at large taking adequate precautions, we can go a long way towards reducing the hazard," the chief said.

"I would like at this time to express my appreciation and that of the department generally for the excellent co-operation afforded by the fire wardens and the City Council. It is natural that I should think we can never have too much equipment. But I realize that expenditure must be watched carefully and am satisfied the wardens and council have been as generous as they could be in maintaining the efficiency of the department.

"The fire protection and prevention service becomes increasingly important in Victoria," he continued. "Under war conditions production plants must be maintained in operation. A fire, probably more than any other factor, can disrupt production with very detrimental effects not only to employees but, in the case of war industries, to Canada's efforts. It is my hope, and I am confident it will be realized, that Victorians will continue their vigilance in the future as they have this year and reduce to the lowest minimum unnecessary fire risks."

Tribute to the efficiency of the department and congratulations on the smallness of the 1940 losses were extended by the mayor.

Egg Prices Drop On B.C. Coast

Egg prices dropped four cents a dozen on the Vancouver market today. Wholesale prices there were 22 to 23 cents per dozen for grade A large, 20 to 21 cents for grade A medium, and 18 to 19 cents for grade A pullets.

Victoria wholesalers stated today they had received no word of the drop, but fully expected the Victoria market to follow suit Tuesday.

"At the present time the egg market is very weak, and we are just buying and selling from day to day," one wholesaler said.

Wholesale prices here today were: Grade A large 28 cents; grade A medium, 26 cents, and grade A pullets, 24 cents.

Aberhart 62, Speaks Here

Premier William Aberhart of Alberta, leader of the first and only Social Credit government in Canada, is hale and hearty at 62.

The Alberta Premier, who was guest speaker at the Empire Ministry in the Crystal Garden last night, is celebrating his birthday in Vancouver today with his

Greater Victoria is by no means over-built, Mr. Bridgman says. On the contrary there is shortage of dwellings for rent. This also applied to duplex suites and apartments. Vacant houses practically do not exist at the present time, nevertheless there has been no profiteering whatsoever.

70 INVALID CASES COME WITH AIRMEN

Hundreds of Royal Air Force men, including Canadians and others from every part of the Empire, who have seen service over Germany and France, debarked from a liner at an Atlantic Canadian port today and boarded trains for air-training fields from Debert, N.S., and Charlottetown to Saskatchewan.

Included were Cmdr. Best of British Columbia and Flying Officer Cameron McNeil, Calgary, and Flying Officer Lee, Vancouver, and Flight-Lieut. Angell, Calgary. Officially credited with sinking a German submarine from the air was F. O. Everett Badoux, Stellarton, N.S.

One R.A.F. Welshman said British airmen had made the port of Hamburg a shambles. Another flier, an English boy, who had lived through Coventry, said: "The damage there isn't as bad as most people think."

Arriving with the airmen were 70 Canadian soldiers invalided from Britain. There were some Canadian army officers transferred back home as instructors, some of them veterans of Dunkerque.

A New Year's Eve young people's party will be held at the Y.M.C.A. under the sponsorship of the Palanx Fraternity, a service group of young men within the Y.M.C.A. A buffet supper will be served. A five-piece orchestra will play for dancing until 2 a.m.

"It says it can save Alberta \$8,000,000. What other province is going to pay the \$8,000,000?" The proposals would deprive Alberta of its grants, he said, because the report said Alberta's finances were in good shape.

OBITUARY

RUSSELL—Thomas Alexander Russell, 63, president and director of Massey-Harris Co., and well known in Canadian business circles for the past 30 years, died in Toronto last night. He was secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association from 1900 to 1902, and when he died was president of Russell Industries Ltd., Canada Cycle and Motor Co. Ltd. and Canadian Acme Screw and Gear Ltd., as well as Massey-Harris Co. Ltd.

TAYLOR—Cecil Davis Taylor, 42, managing editor of New Westminster's daily newspaper, the British Columbian, and only son of Senator J. D. Taylor, died at his New Westminster home yesterday. Born in Victoria in 1898, he was educated at New Westminster schools and the University of British Columbia. He was an active sportsman for many years, having played basketball at U.B.C., field lacrosse with the Young Salmon Belles, and in later years was closely connected through executive positions with the Adanac basketball and lacrosse teams.

GRAHAM—One of the oldest ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. David John Graham, died yesterday at the Calgary home of his daughter, Mrs. Gilbert W. Hodges. He celebrated his 89th birthday, August 14. He was born in Carleton Place, Ontario, and entered the ministry in 1894. He served in churches in eastern Ontario before going to McVicar Memorial Church in Montreal where he remained 13 years. He retired from active ministry six years ago but was a member of the Calgary Presbytery.

WHITEHEAD—Geoffrey Whitehead, manager of Vernon branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, died there today. He went to Vernon from Revelstoke 13 years ago after residing in Prince Rupert and Anxox. He was born in England but brought up in Vancouver.

KING—Funeral services for Walter Jabez King of 302 Douglas Street will be held Tuesday afternoon from McCall Bros. Funeral Home at 2. Mrs. E. Smiley will conduct the service; cremation at Royal Oak.

McNAB—Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral this morning for Mrs. Susanna McNab of Lennard Island, B.C., interment was in Royal Oak Burial Park with the following as pallbearers: E. Buckle, G. E. Hartnell, A. Chisholm, R. H. Nicholson, G. Halkett and T. Morrison. McCall Brothers were funeral directors.

FIELD—Mrs. Annie Marjorie Field, wife of Lee Llewellyn Field, well-known resident of Metchosis, died yesterday at the family residence. She was born in Derby, England, and had resided in the province for 31 years. The remains are resting at McCall Brothers' Funeral Home and the funeral will be held on Wednesday from St. Mary's Church, Metchosis, at 2; interment in the churchyard.

COPLEY—Funeral service for Richard David Copley, Carey Road, was held this morning from McCall Brothers' Funeral Home. Rev. Frederic Pike officiated; interment was at Royal Oak.

HOLMES—The funeral of Dr. William Lane Holmes took place in the Thomson Funeral Home Saturday afternoon. Rev. T. H. Laundy conducted the service. The following were pallbearers: Cecil E. Laundy, Arthur Laundy, A. B. Macdonald, K.C.; C. S. Collison, R. M. Burns and R. E. Burns. Cremation took place at Royal Oak.

TURNBULL—There passed away in Vancouver, Saturday, at the family residence, Wm. Turnbull, father of Mrs. G. A. Reynolds of this city. Rev. G. A. Reynolds left today to attend the funeral service tomorrow.

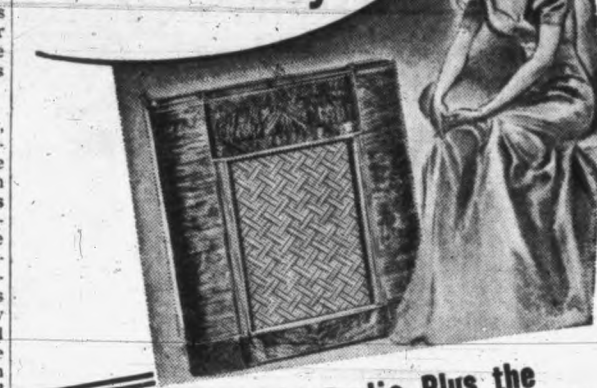
McKENZIE—The funeral of Thomas C. McKenzie took place from McCall Bros. Funeral Home Saturday afternoon. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn officiating. Pallbearers were: J. A. Cameron, E. Durrell, D. Stewart, B. Cuthbertson, S. Foreman and R. C. Woods.

PATERSON—Rev. P. C. Hayman conducted the funeral of Mrs. Mary Paterson on Saturday afternoon from the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. Cremation took place at Royal Oak. Pallbearers were: J. Churchill, George Raby, A. J. Wilson, A. W. Stewart, J. C. MacLeod and J. W. Mercer.

ROSE—Rev. George Biddle conducted the funeral of Mrs. Mary Frances Rose at the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon. Cremation took place at Royal Oak.

ARMSTRONG—The funeral of Frederick Chalmers Armstrong will be held from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3.15. Rev. J. R. Rife officiating; interment at Royal Oak.

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First race—Six furlongs: Bukhara 112, Best Biddy 117, Florinella 117, Subbed 117, Sing Lida 117, Miss Blenheim 117, Possible Play 112.
Second race—Six furlongs: Vain Crystal 116, Aljo 105, Dixie Dew 116, Easy Goer 116, Bubble Lid 111, Valinda Bishop 105, Host Owl 110, Charm School 107.
Third race—Six furlongs: Robber Bold 111, Papante 106, Colonel Bret 106, Palmera 110, Trip Thru 114, Hasty Triumph 115, Dip 120, Drift Along 115, Sparkling Eyes 117, Bibliophile 120, Blue Peggie 106, Scotch Bred 109, Valinda Chief 118, Wise Fox 111.
Fourth race—Six furlongs: Fogoso 115, Short Notice 116, Book Plate 116, Rawson 111, On Location 103, My Porter 116, Certain 114, Home Burring 107.
Fifth race—Seven furlongs: Pescadero 117, Iron Bunker 110, Dear Yankee 106, High Strike 122, Wisbech 117, Ebony Night 112, Sir Stratton 109, First Port 116, Claracore 107, Bonstable 117, Enoch Borland 116, Lap Pan 117.
Sixth race—Six furlongs: Moot Question 110, Good Turf 112, Pirate 110, Designator 105, Welcome Press 105.
Seventh race—Mile and a sixteenth: Boston Pa 114, Timberland 121, Argonne Woods 112, Dear Bunny 110, Burgo Trail 114, Real Clear 115.
Eighth race—Mile and an eighth: Count Valiant 115, Doboer 117, Mickey's Best 115, Ace Call 115, Glouca 114, Dalino 120, Brilliant Light 120, Scotch High 117, Little Banner 117, Enimrac 117, Sure Miss 109.

Constant bombing is causing some deafness, according to reports from abroad.

Australia is the only continent in the world without a single mountain exceeding 8,000 feet in height.

CAMPBELL—Rev. J. L. W. McLean conducted last rites at McCall Bros. Funeral Home Saturday afternoon for Hector Campbell. Interment was at Colwood, with the following pallbearers: W. Campbell, J. Campbell, A. Campbell, William Campbell, W. Blackstock and J. Blackstock.

Expect to Recover Oil Bit Soon

Drilling operations on the government's oil well at Compton Creek have been suspended during the year-end holiday. When they are resumed in the New Year operators will seek to recover the bit of the drill which stuck in the bottom of the hole, according to word received by the Mines Department. Before closing operations for the holiday the crew put down nitro-glycerine to blow the bit free, and it is expected they will be able to resume drilling shortly.



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NEWS

DOMINION**CAPITOL THEATRE**

"Little Nellie Kelly," now at the Capitol Theatre, gives Miss Garland her first solo starring role and her first "grown up" love affair. George Murphy has the

leading male role, with other prominent parts played by Charles Winninger and Douglas McPaul, young baritone of "Babes in Arms" fame. The picture was directed by Norman Taurog.

director of the memorable "Boys Town."

"OUR TOWN" OPENS AT THE OAK BAY

With an impressive cast which includes William Holden, Martha Scott, Frank Craven, Fay Bainter, Thomas Mitchell, Guy Kibbee, Beulah Bondi and Stuart Erwin.

Dominion to Show George Formby Film

George Formby is back again! The masculine Gracie Fields, who set all Canada laughing with his sensational "It's in the Air," comes to the Dominion Theatre tomorrow in "Keep Your Seats, please," a picture twice as funny as his last, with plenty of thrills and excitement to boot.

With a splendid supporting cast, including Gus McNaughton, Harry Tate and Alastair Sim, "Keep Your Seats, Please," covers every variety of comedy situation, spiced with songs, sung as only the inimitable Formby can sing them. The Lancashire lad is at his best under the able direction of Monty Banks.

"ONE NIGHT IN TROPICS"---PLAZA

Capitalizing on the trend in which insurance companies will insure "anything," Universal's fast-moving romantic comedy, "One Night in the Tropics," unfolds for current audiences at the Plaza Theatre one of the most novel stories of recent years.

Allan Jones appears as a young insurance man who sells a million-dollar "love" policy to his best friend, portrayed by Robert Cummings. Their escapades resulting from the sale of the policy involve Nancy Kelly and Peggy Moran in a four-way romantic problem.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, famed radio and stage comedy team, are seen in their screen debut.

"ARGENTINE WAY" SPECTACULAR FILM

Rhumbas, songs, glamorous stars and romance: You'll find all that and more in "Down Argentine Way," 20th Century-Fox hit in Technicolor, now at the Atlas Theatre. A spectacular musical extravaganza, it has Don Ameche, Betty Grable and torrid-voiced Carmen Miranda heading a brilliant cast.

Expertly blending irresistible music and laughter, the fine story of "Down Argentine Way" has handsome Don Ameche romancing beautiful Betty Grable in glamorous Buenos Aires. Charlotte Greenwood, J. Carroll Nash and Henry Stephenson are in featured roles.

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In teaching English accents to Ann Rutherford and Marsha Hunt for their roles in "Pride and Prejudice," starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier at the Cadet Theatre, Douglas Field, dialogue director, used the same method as was utilized by the

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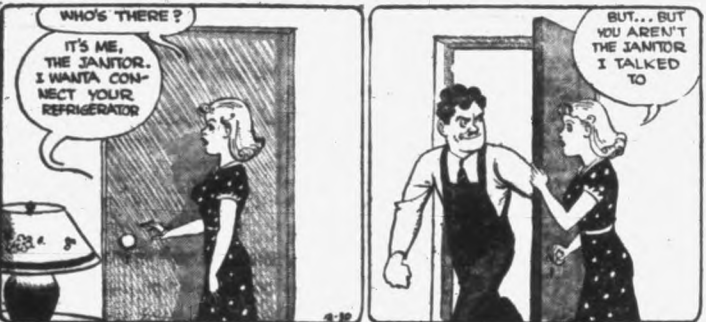
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War Boom Stimulates B.C. Industry in 1940

Under the stimulus of war production, output of British Columbia's four basic industries in 1940 has soared to a new high record of nearly \$250,000,000, industrial payrolls have jumped to around the \$180,000,000 mark, unemployment rolls have been slashed 60 per cent and close to 10,000 new jobs provided.

These are preliminary estimates in provincial government sources—as the first complete calendar year of war draws to a close, to be revised later when final figures are received.

The increased activity has enabled taxpayers to contribute a record amount to the public treasuries, estimated in the case of the provincial government to be \$35,000,000 in the fiscal year ending next March 31.

Much of the impetus has been provided by direct war contracts of around \$30,000,000 for ships, manufacture of clothing, machinery and similar goods, plus Britain's need for lumber and metals.

The effort is built largely around the basic industries—lumbering in all its phases, mining, farming and fishing. Production from these lines alone will show an increase of about \$25,000,000 over 1939. Estimates at the present time are as follows:

Lumbering \$100,000,000

Mining 72,000,000

Farming 57,500,000

Fishing 18,750,000

Total 248,250,000

